



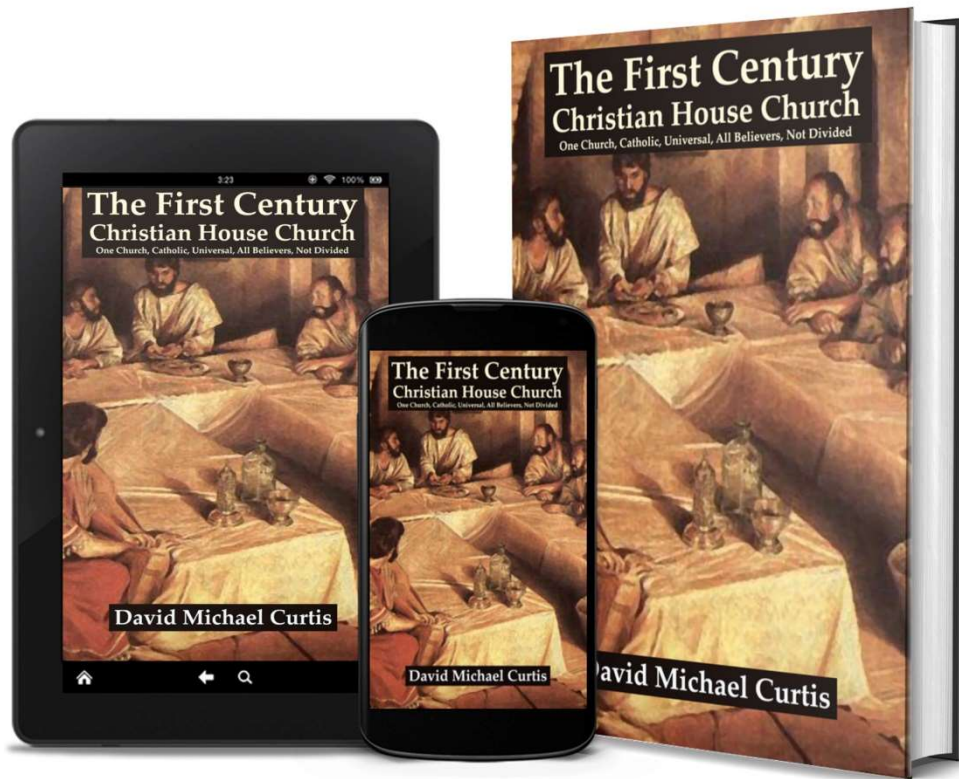
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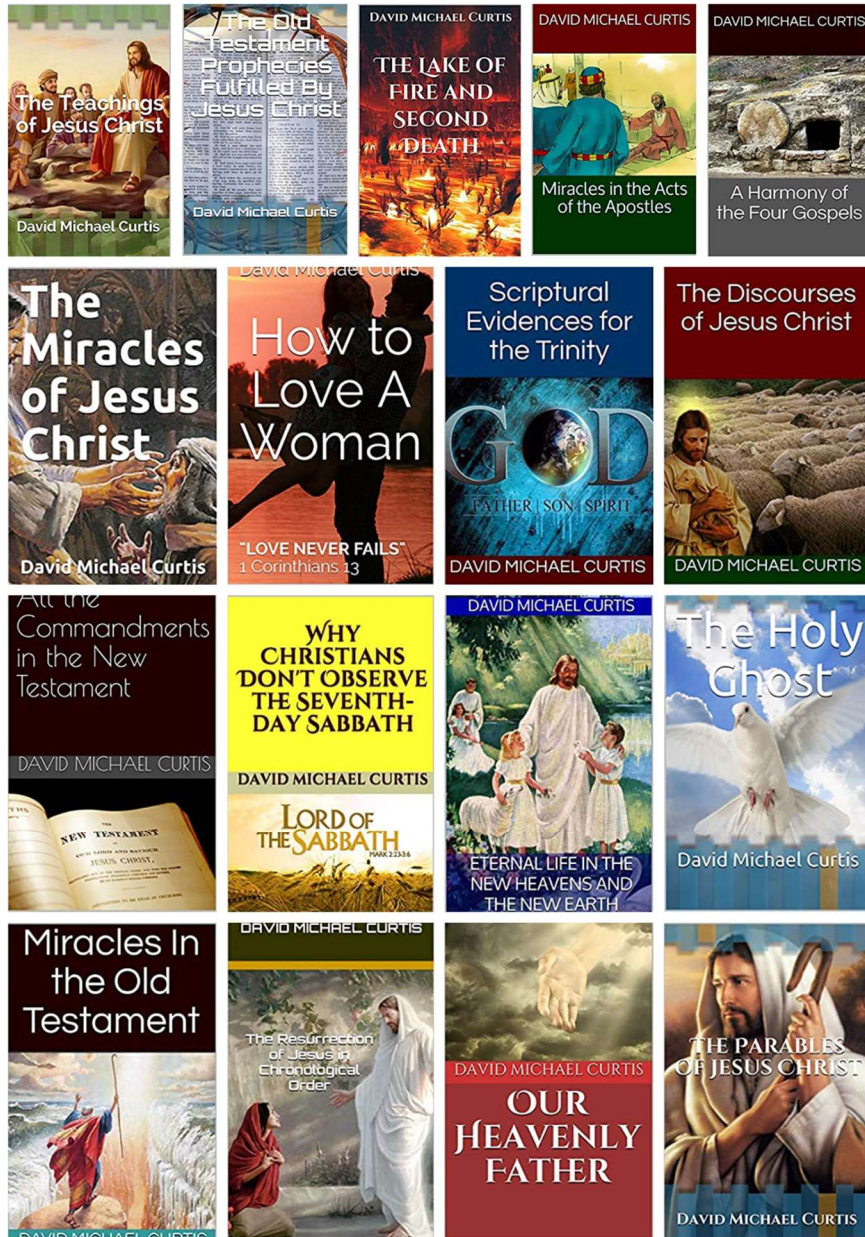
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My books use the Bible as its own interpreter, providing all the verses on whichever doctrine is being studied, topically arranged, without commentary. Christ is the only Teacher you need. He promised that you would know the truth, and the truth would set you free.



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The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead:
He ascended into Heaven,
Sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty:
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OLD COVENANT

Circumcision

Seal of the Old Covenant

Instituted by God.

Genesis 17:9-10 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee: Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Described.

Genesis 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin: and it shall be a token of the covenant Betwixt me and you.

Exodus 4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband Art thou to me.

Enforced by The Law.

Leviticus 12:3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

John 7:22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision: (not because it is of Moses, but of the Fathers:) and ye on the Sabbath day circumcise a man.

CALLED THE

Covenant of circumcision.

Acts 7:8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham Begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day: and Isaac Begat Jacob: and Jacob Begat the twelve patriarchs.

Circumcision in the flesh.

Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands:

Concision.

Philippians 3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the Concision.

A painful and bloody rite.

Exodus 4:26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou Art, because of the circumcision.

Joshua 5:8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they Abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

Promises to Abraham previous to.

Romans 4:9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that Faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

Romans 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through The Law, but through the righteousness of Faith.

A seal of the covenant.

Genesis 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin: and it shall be a token of the covenant Betwixt me and you.

Romans 4:11 And he received **the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness** of the Faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the Father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised: that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Introductory Jewish sacrament.

Galatians 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

Outward sign of.

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly: neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Inward grace.

Romans 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly: and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter: whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Necessary to enjoying the privileges of the Jewish Church.

Exodus 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it: and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

Ezekiel 44:7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

WAS PERFORMED

On males home-born and bought.

Genesis 17:12-13 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

On the eighth day.

Genesis 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

Leviticus 12:3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Even on the Sabbath day.

John 7:22-23 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision: (not because it is of Moses, but of the Fathers;) and ye on the Sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the Sabbath day receive circumcision, that The Law of Moses should not be broken: are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the Sabbath day?

With knives of flint.

Exodus 4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband Art thou to me.

Joshua 5:3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

By the heads of families.

Genesis 17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house: and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

Exodus 4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband Art thou to me.

By persons in Authority.

Joshua 5:3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

In the presence of the family, ect.

Luke 1:58-61 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her: and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child: and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his Father. And his mother answered and said, Not so: but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

Accompanied with naming the child.

Genesis 21:3-4 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

First performed on Abraham and his family.

Genesis 17:24-27 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

Not performed in the wilderness.

Joshua 5:5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

Performed by Joshua at Gilgal.

Joshua 5:2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

Joshua 5:7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

Punishment for neglecting.

Genesis 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people: he hath broken my covenant.

Exodus 4:24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.

Exodus 4:26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou Art, because of the circumcision.

Without Faith, vain.

Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by Faith, and uncircumcision through Faith.

Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision: but Faith which worketh by love.

Without obedience, vain.

Romans 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep The Law: but if thou be a breaker of The Law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

1 Corinthians 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

THE JEWS

Denominated by.

Acts 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Galatians 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of Fellowship: that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Held it unlawful to intermarry with those not of the.

Genesis 34:14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised: for that were a reproach unto us:

Judges 14:3 Then his Father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy Brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his Father, Get her for me: for she pleaseth me well.

Held no intercourse with those not of the.

Acts 10:28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation: but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Acts 11:3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

Galatians 2:12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

Despised as unclean those not of the.

1 Samuel 14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

1 Samuel 17:26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

Matthew 15:26-27 But he answered and said, *It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.* And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Sometimes performed on slain enemies.

1 Samuel 18:25-27 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired. Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men: and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

2 Samuel 3:14 And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

Abolished by the Gospel.

Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands:

Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even The Law of commandments contained in ordinances: for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace:

Performed on Timothy as a matter of expediency because of the Jews.

Acts 16:3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him: and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his Father was a Greek.

Necessity of, denied by Paul.

Galatians 2:3-5 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: And that because of false Brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour: that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you.

Necessity of, asserted by false Teachers.

Acts 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep The Law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

Galatians 6:12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they Constrain you to be circumcised: only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

Titus 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

Trusting to, a denial of Christ.

Galatians 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 5:3-4 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by The Law: ye are fallen from grace.

Paul denounced for opposing.

Acts 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

Saints the true spiritual.

Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Colossians 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the Sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

ILLUSTRATIVE OF

Readiness to hear and obey.

Jeremiah 6:10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach: they have no delight in it.

Purity of heart.

Deuteronomy 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

Deuteronomy 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Purity of speech.

Exodus 6:12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me: how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?

The Law of Moses

Is The Law of God.

Leviticus 26:46 These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

GIVEN

In the desert.

Ezekiel 20:10-11 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.

At Horeb.

Deuteronomy 4:10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may Teach their children.

Deuteronomy 5:2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

From Mount Sinai.

Exodus 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai.

Exodus 19:20 And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount: and Moses went up.

By disposition of Angels.

Acts 7:53 Who have received The Law by the disposition of Angels, and have not kept it.

Through Moses as Mediator.

Deuteronomy 5:5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount:) saying,

Deuteronomy 5:27-28 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee: and we will hear it, and do it. And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me: and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

To the Jews.

Leviticus 26:46 These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

Psalm 78:5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our Fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

After the Exodus.

Deuteronomy 4:45 These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt,

Psalm 81:4-5 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

To no other nation.

Deuteronomy 4:8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so Righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Psalm 147:20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

None to approach the Mount while God gave.

Exodus 19:13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through: whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

Exodus 19:21-24 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

Hebrews 12:20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

Remarkable phenomena connected with, at giving of.

Exodus 19:16-19 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud: so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God: and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

Terror of Israel at receiving.

Exodus 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud: so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

Exodus 20:18-20 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye Sin not.

Deuteronomy 5:5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount:) saying,

Deuteronomy 5:23-25 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders: And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.

Additions made to, in the plains of Moab by Jordan.

Numbers 36:13 These are the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

CALLED

A fiery law.

Deuteronomy 33:2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them: he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of Saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

Word spoken by Angels.

Hebrews 2:2 For if the word spoken by Angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward:

Ministration of Death.

2 Corinthians 3:7 But if the ministration of Death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his Countenance: which glory was to be done away:

Ministration of condemnation.

2 Corinthians 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

Lively oracles.

Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the Church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our Fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Royal law.

James 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Book of The Law.

Deuteronomy 30:10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of The Law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Joshua 1:8 This book of The Law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Book of Moses.

2 Chronicles 25:4 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in The Law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The Fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the Fathers, but every man shall die for his own Sin.

2 Chronicles 35:12 And they removed the Burnt Offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen.

Rehearsed by Moses.

Deuteronomy 1:1-3 These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and DizAhab. (There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.) And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the First Day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them:

Entire of, written in a book.

Deuteronomy 31:9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.

Book of, laid up in the sanctuary.

Deuteronomy 31:26 Take this book of The Law, and put it in the side of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a Witness against thee.

Tables of, laid up in the ark.

Deuteronomy 10:5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made: and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

DIVIDED INTO

Moral, embodied in the Ten Commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:22 These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

Deuteronomy 10:4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

Ceremonial, relating to the manner of worshiping God.

Leviticus 7:37-38 This is The Law of the Burnt Offering, of the meat offering, and of the [Sin Offering], and of the Trespass Offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the Peace Offerings: Which the LORD commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

Civil, relating to administration of justice.

Deuteronomy 17:9-11 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the Judge that shall be in those days, and inquire: and they shall shew thee the sentence of Judgment: And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee: and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: According to the sentence of The Law which they shall Teach thee, and according to the Judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left.

Acts 23:3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to Judge me after The Law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to The Law?

Acts 24:6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

A covenant of works to the Jews as a nation.

Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day: that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

TAUGHT THE JEWS

To love and fear God.

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

To love their neighbor.

Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Strict justice and impartiality.

Leviticus 19:35-36 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in Judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

All punishments awarded according to.

John 8:5 Now Moses in The Law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

Hebrews 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

ALL ISRAELITES REQUIRED

To know.

Exodus 18:16 When they have a matter, they come unto me: and I Judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

To observe.

Deuteronomy 4:6 Keep therefore and do them: for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

Deuteronomy 6:2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life: and that thy days may be prolonged.

To lay up, in their hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

To remember.

Malachi 4:4 Remember ye The Law of Moses my Servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

To Teach their children.

Deuteronomy 6:7 And thou shalt Teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 11:19 And ye shall Teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Kings to write out and study.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

Good kings enforced.

2 Kings 23:24-25 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the Images, and the Idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of The Law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all The Law of Moses: neither after him arose there any like him.

2 Chronicles 31:21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in The Law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

Priests and Levites to Teach.

Deuteronomy 33:8-10 And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah: Who said unto his Father and to his mother, I have not seen him: neither did he acknowledge his Brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant. They shall Teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

Nehemiah 8:7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand The Law: and the people stood in their place.

Malachi 2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek The Law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

The scribes were learned in, and expounded.

Ezra 7:6 This Ezra went up from Babylon: and he was a ready scribe in The Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

Matthew 23:2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

Public instruction given to youth in.

Luke 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

Acts 22:3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of The Law of the Fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

PUBLICLY READ

At the feast of tabernacles in the sabbatical year.

Deuteronomy 31:10-13 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

By Joshua.

Joshua 8:34-35 And afterward he read all the words of The Law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of The Law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the Congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

By Ezra.

Nehemiah 8:2-3 And Ezra the priest brought The Law before the Congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the First Day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand: and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of The Law.

In the synagogues every Sabbath day.

Acts 13:15 And after the reading of The Law and the Prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

Acts 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.

A means of national reformation.

2 Chronicles 34:19-21 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of The Law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a Servant of the king's, saying, Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our Fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

Nehemiah 8:13-18 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the Fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of The Law. And they found written in The Law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. ...

A shadow of good things to come.

Hebrews 10:1 For The Law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Could not give righteousness and life.

Galatians 3:21 Is The Law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by The Law.

Romans 8:3-4 For what The Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for Sin, condemned Sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of The Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

A schoolmaster to lead to Christ.

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore The Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by Faith.

CHRIST

Made under.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under The Law,

Circumcised according to.

Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Romans 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the Fathers:

Came not to destroy but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17-18 Think not that I am come to destroy The Law, or the Prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from The Law, till all be fulfilled.

Attended all feasts of.

John 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the Miracles which he did.

John 7:2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

John 7:10 But when his Brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Fulfilled all precepts of.

Psalms 40:7-8 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Fulfilled all types and shadows of.

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

Hebrews 9:11-14 But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your Conscience from Dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 10:1 For The Law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Hebrews 10:11-14 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away Sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for Sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God: From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Magnified and made honorable.

Isaiah 42:21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake: he will magnify The Law, and make it honourable.

Bore the curse of.

Deuteronomy 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day: (for he that is hanged is accursed of God:) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of The Law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Abrogated, as a covenant of works.

Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my Brethren, ye also are become Dead to The Law by the body of Christ: that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the Dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Was not the manifestation of the grace of God.

John 1:17 For The Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:3-4 For what The Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for Sin, condemned Sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of The Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Could not disannul the covenant of grace made in Christ.

Galatians 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, The Law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Primitive Jewish converts would have all Christians observe.

Acts 15:1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the Brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

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Zealous for.

John 9:28-29 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou Art his disciple: but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

Held those ignorant of, accursed.

John 7:49 But this people who knoweth not the Law are cursed.

From regard to, rejected Christ.

Romans 9:31-33 But Israel, which followed after The Law of righteousness, hath not attained to The Law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by Faith, but as it were by the works of The Law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone: As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Accused Christ of Breaking.

John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

Accused Christians of Breaking.

Acts 6:11-14 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council, And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and The Law: For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

Acts 21:28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and The Law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

Broke it themselves.

John 7:19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

Dishonored God by breaking.

Romans 2:23 Thou that makest thy boast of The Law, through breaking The Law dishonourest thou God?

Shall be judged by.

John 5:45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.

Romans 2:12 For as many as have Sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have Sinned in The Law shall be judged by The Law:

Was a burdensome yoke.

Acts 15:10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our Fathers nor we were able to bear?

Darkness, ect. at giving of, illustrative of obscurity of Mosaic dispensation.

Hebrews 12:18-24 ¶ For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words: which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

The Tabernacle

Moses was commanded to make after a divine pattern.

Exodus 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of The Tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Exodus 26:30 And thou shalt rear up The Tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

Hebrews 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make The Tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Made of the free-will offerings of the people.

Exodus 25:1-8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. And this *is* the offering which ye shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass, And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. And let them make me a sanctuary: that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 35:4-5 And Moses spake unto all the Congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD: gold, and silver, and brass,

Exodus 35:21-29 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered *offered* an offering of gold unto the LORD. And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them*. Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD'S offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought *it*. And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and* of scarlet, and of fine linen. And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' *hair*. And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate: And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

Divine wisdom given to Bezaleel, ect. to make.

Exodus 31:2-7 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee: The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

Exodus 35:30-35 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship: And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in the cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

Exodus 36:1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

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Tabernacle of the Lord.

Joshua 22:19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORDS' tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God.

1 Kings 2:28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto The Tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

1 Chronicles 16:39 And Zadok the priest, and his Brethren the priests, before The Tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon,

Tabernacle of testimony or Witness.

Exodus 38:21 This is the sum of The Tabernacle, even of The Tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

Numbers 1:50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over The Tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear The Tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof: and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about The Tabernacle.

Numbers 17:7-8 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in The Tabernacle of Witness. And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into The Tabernacle of Witness: and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

2 Chronicles 24:6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the Servant of the LORD, and of the Congregation of Israel, for The Tabernacle of Witness?

Acts 7:44 Our Fathers had The Tabernacle of Witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

Tabernacle of the Congregation.

Exodus 27:21 In The Tabernacle of the Congregation without The Vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

Exodus 33:7 And Moses took The Tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it The Tabernacle of the Congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto The Tabernacle of the Congregation, which was without the camp.

Exodus 40:26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the Congregation before The Vail:

Tabernacle of Shiloh.

Psalms 78:60 So that he forsook The Tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men:

Tabernacle of Joseph.

Psalms 78:67 Moreover he refused The Tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

Temple of the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

1 Samuel 3:3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep:

House of the Lord.

Joshua 6:24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

1 Samuel 1:7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her: therefore she wept, and did not eat.

1 Samuel 1:24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

Was a moveable tent.

suited to the unsettled condition of Israel.

2 Samuel 7:6-7 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the Tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

Designed for manifestation of God's presence.

and for His worship.

Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary: that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 29:42-43 This shall be a continual Burnt Offering throughout your generations at the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and The Tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

THE BOARDS OF

Made of shittim wood.

Exodus 26:15 And thou shalt make boards for The Tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.

Exodus 36:20 And he made boards for The Tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up.

Ten cubits high by one and a half broad.

Exodus 26:16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

Exodus 36:21 The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

Had each two tenons fitted into sockets of silver.

Exodus 26:17 Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of The Tabernacle.

Exodus 36:22-24 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of The Tabernacle. And he made boards for The Tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward: And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

Twenty on south side.

Exodus 26:18 And thou shalt make the boards for The Tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.

Exodus 36:23 And he made boards for The Tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward:

Twenty on north side.

Exodus 26:20 And for the second side of The Tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards:

Exodus 36:25 And for the other side of The Tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,

Six, and two corner boards for west side.

Exodus 26:22-25 And for the sides of The Tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of The Tabernacle in the two sides. And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both: they shall be for the two corners. And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

Exodus 36:27-30 And for the sides of The Tabernacle westward he made six boards. And two boards made he for the corners of The Tabernacle in the two sides. And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to

both of them in both the corners. And there were eight boards: and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

Supported by bars of shittim wood

resting in rings of gold.

Exodus 26:26-29 And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood: five for the boards of the one side of The Tabernacle, And five bars for the boards of the other side of The Tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of The Tabernacle, for the two sides westward. And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

Exodus 36:31-33 And he made bars of shittim wood: five for the boards of the one side of The Tabernacle, And five bars for the boards of the other side of The Tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of The Tabernacle for the sides westward. And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

With the bars, covered with gold.

Exodus 26:26-29 And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood: five for the boards of the one side of The Tabernacle, And five bars for the boards of the other side of The Tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of The Tabernacle, for the two sides westward. And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

Exodus 36:34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

The door of, a curtain of blue and purple suspended by gold rings from five pillars of shittim wood, ect.

Exodus 26:36 And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

Exodus 36:37-38 And he made an hanging for The Tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework: And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their Chapters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets were of brass.

COVERINGS OF,

The first or inner, ten curtains of blue, purple, ect. joined with loops and golden taches.

Exodus 26:1-6 ¶ Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them. The length of one curtain *shall be* eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure. The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another: and *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to another. And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second. Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the coupling of the second: that the loops may take hold one of another. And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

Exodus 36:8-13 ¶ And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work made he them. The length of one curtain *was* twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all of one size. And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another. And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the

seldge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second. Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which *was* in the coupling of the second: the loops held one *curtain* to another. And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.

The second, eleven curtains of goats' hair, ect.

Exodus 26:7-13 ¶ And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make. The length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall be all* of one measure. And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle. And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second. And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle. And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

Exodus 36:14-18 ¶ And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them. The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one size. And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second. And he made fifty taches of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

The third of rams' skins dyed red.

Exodus 26:14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

Exodus 36:19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that.

The fourth or outward of badgers' skins.

Exodus 26:14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

Exodus 36:19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that.

Divided by a vail of blue, purple, ect. suspended from four pillars of shittim wood by gold hooks.

Exodus 26:31-33 And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with Cherubims shall it be made: And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. And thou shalt hang up The Vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within The Vail the ark of the testimony: and The Vail shall divide unto you between the Holy Place and the most holy.

Exodus 36:35 And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with Cherubims made he it of cunning work.

Exodus 40:21 And he brought the ark into The Tabernacle, and set up The Vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony: as the LORD commanded Moses.

DIVIDED INTO

The holy place.

Exodus 26:33 And thou shalt hang up The Vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within The Vail the ark of the testimony: and The Vail shall divide unto you between the Holy Place and the most holy.

Hebrews 9:1-6 ¶ Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made: the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread: which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all: Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant: And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat: of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God*.

The Most Holy Place.

Exodus 26:34 And thou shalt put the Mercy Seat upon the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place.

Hebrews 9:3 And after the second veil, The Tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all:

Hebrews 9:7 But into the second went the High Priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

Had a court round about.

Exodus 40:8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

The Table of Show-Bread, the Golden Candlestick, and the Altar of Incense were placed in the Holy Place.

Exodus 26:35 And thou shalt set the table without The Vail, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of The Tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

Exodus 40:22 And he put the table in the tent of the Congregation, upon the side of The Tabernacle northward, without The Vail.

Exodus 40:24 And he put the candlestick in the tent of the Congregation, over against the table, on the side of The Tabernacle southward.

Exodus 40:26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the Congregation before The Vail:

The Ark and Mercy-Seat placed in the Most Holy Place.

Exodus 26:33 And thou shalt hang up The Vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within The Vail the ark of the testimony: and The Vail shall divide unto you between the Holy Place and the most holy.

Exodus 40:20-21 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the Mercy Seat above upon the ark: And he brought the ark into The Tabernacle, and set up The Vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony: as the LORD commanded Moses.

COURT OF,

One hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide.

Exodus 27:18 The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass.

Surrounded by curtains of fine linen suspended from pillars in sockets of brass.

Exodus 27:9-15 ¶ And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward *there shall be* hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side: And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets *shall be of* brass: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of* silver. And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *of* brass: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver. And *for* the breadth of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits. The hangings of one side *of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And on the other side *shall be* hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

Exodus 38:9-16 ¶ And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen, an hundred cubits: Their pillars *were* twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were of* silver. And for the north side *the hangings were* an hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver. And for the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver. And for the east side eastward fifty cubits. The hangings of the one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. All the hangings of the court round about *were of* fine twined linen.

The gate of, a hanging of blue, purple, ect. twenty cubits wide, suspended from four pillars, ect.

Exodus 27:16 And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.

Exodus 38:18 And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

Contained the Brazen Altar and laver of brass.

Exodus 40:29-30 And he put the Altar of Burnt Offering by the door of The Tabernacle of the tent of the Congregation, and offered upon it the Burnt Offering and the meat offering: as the LORD commanded Moses. And he set The Laver between the tent of the Congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.

All the pillars of, fileted with silver, ect.

Exodus 27:17 All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver: their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass.

Exodus 38:17 And the sockets for the pillars were of brass: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver: and the overlaying of their Chapters of silver: and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver.

All the vessels of, made of brass.

Exodus 27:19 All the vessels of The Tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

First reared, on the First Day of the second year after the Exodus.

Exodus 40:2 On the First Day of the first month shalt thou set up The Tabernacle of the tent of the Congregation.

Exodus 40:17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the First Day of the month, that The Tabernacle was reared up.

WAS SET UP

By Moses at Mount Sinai.

Exodus 40:18-19 And Moses reared up The Tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars. And he spread abroad the tent over The Tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it: as the LORD commanded Moses.

At Gilgal.

Joshua 5:10-11 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of the old Corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched Corn in the selfsame day.

In Shiloh.

Joshua 18:1 And the whole Congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up The Tabernacle of the Congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

Joshua 19:51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the Fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

In Nob.

1 Samuel 21:1-6 ¶ Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee? And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place. Now therefore what is under thine hand? give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is present. And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread: if the young men have kept themselves at least from women. And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been* kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel. So the priest gave him hallowed *bread*: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

Finally at Gibeon.

1 Chronicles 16:39 And Zadok the priest, and his Brethren the priests, before The Tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon,

1 Chronicles 21:29 For The Tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the Burnt Offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon.

Anointed and consecrated with oil.

Exodus 40:9 And thou shalt take the Anointing oil, and anoint The Tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

Leviticus 8:10 And Moses took the Anointing oil, and anointed The Tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

Numbers 7:1 And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up The Tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them:

Sprinkled and purified with blood.

Hebrews 9:21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both The Tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

Sanctified by the glory of the Lord.

Exodus 29:43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and The Tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

Exodus 40:34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the Congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled The Tabernacle.

Numbers 9:15 And on the day that The Tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered The Tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon The Tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

The Lord appeared in, over the mercy-seat.

Exodus 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the Mercy Seat, from between the two Cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Leviticus 16:2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the Holy Place within The Vail before the Mercy Seat, which is upon the ark: that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the Mercy Seat.

Numbers 7:89 And when Moses was gone into The Tabernacle of the Congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the Mercy Seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two Cherubims: and he spake unto him.

The cloud of glory rested on, by night and day during its Abode in the wilderness.

Exodus 40:38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon The Tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Numbers 9:15-16 And on the day that The Tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered The Tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon The Tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. So it was alway: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

The journeys of Israel were regulated by the cloud.

Exodus 40:36-37 And when the cloud was taken up from over The Tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

THE PRIESTS

Alone could enter.

Numbers 18:3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all The Tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

Numbers 18:5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

Performed all services in.

Numbers 3:10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to Death.

Numbers 18:1-2 And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy Father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. And thy Brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy Father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee shall minister before The Tabernacle of Witness.

Were the ministers of.

Hebrews 8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

THE LEVITES

Appointed over, and had charge of.

Numbers 1:50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over The Tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear The Tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof: and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about The Tabernacle.

Numbers 8:24 This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of The Tabernacle of the Congregation:

Numbers 18:2-4 And thy Brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy Father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee shall minister before The Tabernacle of Witness. And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all The Tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die. And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of The Tabernacle of the Congregation, for all the service of The Tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

Did the interior service of.

Numbers 3:6-8 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole Congregation before The Tabernacle of the Congregation, to do the service of The Tabernacle. And they shall keep all the instruments of The Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of The Tabernacle.

Took down, and put up.

Numbers 1:51 And when The Tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when The Tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to Death.

Carried.

Numbers 4:15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward: after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in The Tabernacle of the Congregation.

Numbers 4:25 And they shall bear the curtains of The Tabernacle, and The Tabernacle of the Congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation,

Numbers 4:31 And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in The Tabernacle of the Congregation: the boards of The Tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof,

Pitched their tents around.

Numbers 1:53 But the Levites shall pitch round about The Tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the Congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of The Tabernacle of testimony.

Numbers 3:23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind The Tabernacle westward.

Numbers 3:29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of The Tabernacle southward.

Numbers 3:35 And the chief of the house of the Father of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: these shall pitch on the side of The Tabernacle northward.

Free-will offerings made at the first rearing of.

Numbers 7:1-9 ¶ And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them: That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered: And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen: a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take *it* of them, that they may be to do

the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service. And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service: And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was that* they should bear upon their shoulders.

Free-will offerings made at the dedication of the altar of.

Numbers 7:10-87 And the Princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the Princes offered their offering before the altar. And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar. And he that offered his offering the First Day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah: And his offering was one silver Charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering: ...

All offerings to be made at.

Leviticus 17:4 And bringeth it not unto the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before The Tabernacle of the LORD: blood shall be imputed unto that man: he hath shed blood: and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

Deuteronomy 12:5-6 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: And thither ye shall bring your Burnt Offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

Deuteronomy 12:11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there: thither shall ye bring all that I command you: your Burnt Offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

Deuteronomy 12:13-14 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy Burnt Offerings in every place that thou seest: But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy Burnt Offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

Punishment for defiling.

Leviticus 15:31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness: that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

Numbers 19:13 Whosoever toucheth the Dead body of any man that is Dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth The Tabernacle of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean: his uncleanness is yet upon him.

A permanent house substituted for, when the kingdom was established.

2 Samuel 7:5-13 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will

plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more: neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

ILLUSTRATIVE

Of Christ.

Isaiah 4:6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a Covert from storm and from Rain.

John 1:14 And the [Word] was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 9:8-9 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the Conscience:

Hebrews 9:11 But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building:

Of the Church.

Psalms 15:1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Isaiah 16:5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in The Tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking Judgment, and hasting righteousness.

Isaiah 54:2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes:

Hebrews 8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Revelation 21:2-3 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, The Tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Of the body.

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Peter 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance:

(The holy of holies,) of heaven.

Hebrews 6:19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within The Veil:

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, Brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

(The Vail,) of Christ's body.

Hebrews 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through The Veil, that is to say, his flesh:

(The Vail,) of the obscurity of the Mosaic dispensation.

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

Hebrews 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and Divers washings, and Carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

The First Temple

Built on Mount Moriah

on the threshing-floor of Ornan or Araunah.

1 Chronicles 21:28-30 At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For The Tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the Burnt Offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 22:1 Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the Burnt Offering for Israel.

2 Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his Father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

David

Anxious to build.

2 Samuel 7:2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

1 Chronicles 22:7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God:

1 Chronicles 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

Psalms 132:2-5 How he swore unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob: Surely I will not come into The Tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed: I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Being a man of war not permitted to build.

2 Samuel 7:5-9 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth.

1 Kings 5:3 Thou knowest how that David my Father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

1 Chronicles 22:8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

Told by the prophet that Solomon should build.

2 Samuel 7:12-13 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy Fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy Bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

1 Chronicles 17:12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever.

Made preparations for building.

1 Chronicles 22:2-5 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel: and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. And David prepared iron in Abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings: and brass in Abundance without weight: Also cedar trees in Abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his Death.

1 Chronicles 22:14-16 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver: and of brass and iron without weight: for it is in Abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared: and thou mayest add thereto. Moreover there are workmen with thee in Abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

1 Chronicles 29:2-5 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood: onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of Divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in Abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to Consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

Charged Solomon to build.

1 Chronicles 22:6-7 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God:

1 Chronicles 22:11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee: and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.

Prayed that Solomon might have wisdom to build.

1 Chronicles 29:19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

Charged his Princes to assist in building.

1 Chronicles 22:17-19 David also commanded all the Princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand: and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people. Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God: arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

Free-will offering of the people for the building.

1 Chronicles 29:6-9 Then the chief of the Fathers and Princes of the Tribes of Israel, and the Captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

Solomon

Determined to build.

2 Chronicles 2:1 And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

Specially instructed for.

2 Chronicles 3:3 Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

Employed all the strangers in preparing for.

2 Chronicles 2:2 And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

2 Chronicles 2:17-18 And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his Father had numbered them: and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

1 Kings 5:15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains:

Applied to Hiram for a skilful workman to superintend, ect. the building of.

2 Chronicles 2:7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my Father did provide.

2 Chronicles 2:13-14 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my Father's, The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his Father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson: also to grave

any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy Father.

Employed thirty thousand Israelites in the work.

1 Kings 5:13-14 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel: and the levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

Contracted with Hiram for wood, stone, and labor.

1 Kings 5:6-12 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon: and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians. And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them*: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. ¶ So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to* all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon: and they two made a league together.

2 Chronicles 2:8-10 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon: and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, Even to prepare me timber in Abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great. And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

Commenced second day of second month of fourth year of Solomon.

1 Kings 6:1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 6:37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:

2 Chronicles 3:2 And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

Built without the noise of hammers, ax, or any tool.

1 Kings 6:7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

DIVIDED INTO

The sanctuary or greater house.

2 Chronicles 3:5 And the greater house he Cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

The oracle or Most Holy Place.

1 Kings 6:19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD.

The porch.

2 Chronicles 3:4 And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

Surrounded by three stories of chambers communicating with the interior on the right side.

1 Kings 6:5-6 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about: The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

1 Kings 6:8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

1 Kings 6:10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

Surrounded with spacious courts.

1 Kings 6:36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

2 Chronicles 4:9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

Was three score cubits longs, twenty broad, and thirty high.

1 Kings 6:2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

2 Chronicles 3:3 Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

Was lighted by narrow windows.

1 Kings 6:4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

Was roofed with cedar.

1 Kings 6:9 So he built the house, and finished it: and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

THE GREATER OR OUTER HOUSE

Was forty cubits long.

2 Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man: and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of Horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Had folding doors of fir wood carved and gilded.

1 Kings 6:34-35 And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. And he carved thereon Cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

Had door posts of olive-wood carved and gilded.

1 Kings 6:33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.

2 Chronicles 3:7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold: and graved Cherubims on the walls.

THE ORACLE OR Most Holy Place

Was twenty cubits every way.

1 Kings 6:16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the Most Holy Place.

1 Kings 6:20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold: and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

Two Cherubims of gilded olive-wood made within.

1 Kings 6:23-28 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, *each* ten cubits high. And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits. And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size. The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other cherub. And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall: and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

2 Chronicles 3:11-13 And the wings of the Cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub. The wings of these Cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

A partition of chains of gold between it and outer house.

1 Kings 6:21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle: and he overlaid it with gold.

The doors and the posts of, of olive-wood carved and gilded.

1 Kings 6:31-32 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall. The two doors also were of olive tree: and he carved upon them carvings of Cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the Cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

Separated from the outer house by a vail.

2 Chronicles 3:14 And he made The Vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought Cherubims thereon.

The floor and walls of, covered with cedar and fir wood.

1 Kings 6:15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the cieling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

Cedar of, carved with flowers, ect.

1 Kings 6:18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar: there was no stone seen.

Ceiled with fir wood and gilt.

2 Chronicles 3:5 And the greater house he Cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

The whole inside and outside covered with gold.

1 Kings 6:21-22 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle: and he overlaid it with gold. And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

2 Chronicles 3:7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold: and graved Cherubims on the walls.

Garnished with precious stones.

2 Chronicles 3:6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

THE PORCH OF,

Twenty cubits long and ten broad.

1 Kings 6:3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house: and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.

One hundred and twenty cubits high.

2 Chronicles 3:4 And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

Pillars of, with their Chapters described.

1 Kings 7:15-22 For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about. And he made two chapters *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapter *was* five cubits: *And* nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which *were* upon the top of the pillars: seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter. And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter. And the chapters that *were* upon the top of the pillars *were* of lily work in the porch, four cubits. And the chapters upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* also above, over against the belly which *was* by the network: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter. And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

2 Chronicles 3:15-17 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the Chapter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars: and made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left: and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

Its magnificence.

2 Chronicles 2:5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

2 Chronicles 2:9 Even to prepare me timber in Abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great.

Was seven years in building.

1 Kings 6:38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

Was finished in the eighth month of the eleventh year
of Solomon.

1 Kings 6:38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

WAS CALLED

The house of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 23:5 And a third part shall be at the king's house: and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 23:12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

The mountain of the Lord's house.

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORDS' house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills: and all nations shall flow unto it.

House of the God of Jacob.

Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will Teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth The Law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Zion.

Psalms 84:1-7 ¶ To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee: in whose heart *are* the ways *of them*. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well: the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

Mount Zion.

Psalms 74:2 Remember thy Congregation, which thou hast purchased of old: the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed: this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Appointed as a house of sacrifice.

2 Chronicles 7:12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have Chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

Appointed as a house of prayer.

Isaiah 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their Burnt Offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar: for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of Thieves.

God promised to dwell in.

1 Kings 6:12-13 Concerning this house which thou Art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them: then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy Father: And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

All dedicated things placed in.

2 Chronicles 5:1 Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his Father had dedicated: and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

The ark of God brought into with great solemnity.

1 Kings 8:1-9 ¶ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims. For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

2 Chronicles 5:2-10 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion. Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which *was* in the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came: and the Levites took up the ark. And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up. Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place, even* under the wings of the cherubims: For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle: but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day. *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *therein* at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

Filled with the cloud of glory.

1 Kings 8:10-11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD: and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD:

2 Chronicles 7:2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORDS' house.

Solemnly dedicated to God by Solomon.

1 Kings 8:12-66 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever. And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the Congregation of Israel: (and all the Congregation of Israel stood:) 15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my Father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, ...

2 Chronicles 6 Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever. And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole Congregation of Israel: and all the Congregation of Israel stood. 4 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my Father David, saying, ...

Sacred fire sent down from heaven at its dedication.

2 Chronicles 7:3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Was but a temple built with hands.

Acts 7:47-48 But Solomon built him an house. Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands: as saith the prophet,

Complete destruction of, predicted.

Jeremiah 26:18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

Micah 3:12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

HISTORICAL NOTICES OF:

Pillaged by Shishak king of Egypt.

1 Kings 14:25-26 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: 26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house: he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

2 Chronicles 12:9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house: he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

Repaired by Jehoash at the instigation of Jehoiada.

2 Kings 12:4-14 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, even the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD, Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any Breach shall be found. But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. ...

2 Chronicles 24:4-13 And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD. And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the Servant of the LORD, and of the Congregation of Israel, for The Tabernacle of Witness? For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God: and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they Bestow upon Baalim. ...

Treasures of given by Jehoash

to propitiate the Syrians.

2 Kings 12:17-18 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his Fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

Defiled and its treasures given by Ahaz

to the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:14 And he brought also the brasen altar, which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar.

2 Kings 16:18 And the Covert for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria.

2 Chronicles 28:20-21 And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the Princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

Purified and divine worship restored under Hezekiah.

2 Chronicles 29:3-35 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your Fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. For our Fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs. ...

Its treasures, ect. given by Hezekiah

to the Assyrians to procure a treaty.

2 Kings 18:13-16 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended: return from me: that which thou putttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

Polluted by the idolatrous worship of Manasseh.

2 Kings 21:4-7 And he built Altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built Altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to Anger. And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have Chosen out of all Tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

2 Chronicles 33:4-5 Also he built Altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. And he built Altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 33:7 And he set a carved image, the Idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have Chosen before all the Tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

Repaired by Josiah in the eighteenth year of his reign.

2 Kings 22:3-7 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people: And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which *is* in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

2 Chronicles 34:8-13 ¶ Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin: and they returned to Jerusalem. And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house: Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari: and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward: and *other* of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick. Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

Purified by Josiah.

2 Kings 23:4-7 And the king commanded Hilkiah the High Priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem: them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the Women wove hangings for the grove.

2 Kings 23:11-12 And he took away the Horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the Chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. And the Altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the Altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

Pillaged and burned by the Babylonians.

2 Kings 25:9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

2 Kings 25:13-17 And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away. The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD: the brass of all these vessels was without weight. The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it *was* brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits: and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

2 Chronicles 36:18-19 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his Princes: all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

ILLUSTRATIVE OF

Christ.

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

John 2:21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

The spiritual Church.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with Idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ephesians 2:20-22 And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The bodies of Saints.

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

The Second Temple

Built on the site of the first temple.

Ezra 6:3 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid: the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits:

CYRUS

His decree for building, predicted.

Isaiah 44:28 That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built: and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Gave a decree for building

in the first year of his reign.

Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

Ezra 6:3 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid: the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits:

Gave permission to the Jews to go to Jerusalem to build.

Ezra 1:3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

Furnished means for building.

Ezra 6:4 With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences be given out of the king's house:

Ordered those remaining in Babylon

to contribute to the building of.

Ezra 1:4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

Gave the vessels of the first temple for.

Ezra 1:7-11 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods: Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. And this is the number of them: thirty Chargers of gold, a thousand Chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. ...

Ezra 6:5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God.

Divine worship commenced before the foundation was laid.

Ezra 3:1-6 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his Brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his Brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer Burnt Offerings thereon, as it is written in The Law of Moses the man of God. And they set the altar upon his bases: for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered Burnt Offerings thereon unto the LORD, even Burnt Offerings morning and evening. They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily Burnt Offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required: ...

Materials for building procured from Tyre and Sidon.

Ezra 3:7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters: and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Foundation of, laid the second month of second year after the captivity.

Ezra 3:8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their Brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem: and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

Solemnities connected with laying the foundation of.

Ezra 3:9-11 Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his Brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their Brethren the Levites. And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD: because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Its dimensions.

Ezra 6:3-4 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid: the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits: With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences be given out of the king's house:

Grief of those who had seen the first temple.

Ezra 3:12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the Fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice: and many shouted aloud for joy:

Haggai 2:3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

Joy of those who had not seen the first temple.

Ezra 3:13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

THE SAMARITANS, ect.

Proposed to assist in building.

Ezra 4:1-2 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel: Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the Fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do: and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

Their help refused by the Jews.

Ezra 4:3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the Fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God: but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

Weakened the hands of the Jews in building.

Ezra 4:4-5 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Wrote to Artaxerxes Smerdis to interrupt the building.

Ezra 4:6-16 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia: and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort: Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions: the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites, ...

Procured its interruption for fifteen years.

Ezra 4:24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

The Jews reproved for not building.

Haggai 1:1-5 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the First Day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the High Priest, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORDS' house should be built. Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your Cieled houses, and this house lie waste? ...

The Jews Punished for not persevering in building.

Haggai 1:6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little: ye eat, but ye have not enough: ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink: ye clothe you, but there is none warm: and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

Haggai 1:9-11 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little: and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the Corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

Haggai 2:15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

Haggai 2:17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands: yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.

The Jews encouraged to proceed in building.

Haggai 1:8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house: and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Haggai 2:19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

Zechariah 8:9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the Prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

Resumed by Zerubbabel and Jeshua.

Ezra 5:2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the Prophets of God helping them.

Its completion by Zerubbabel foretold, to encourage the Jews.

Zechariah 4:4-10 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who Art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. ...

Future glory of, predicted.

Haggai 2:7-9 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Tatnai the governor wrote to Darius to know if the building had his sanction.

Ezra 5:3-17 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall? Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building? But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter. The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king: ...

The decree of Cyrus found and confirmed by Darius.

Ezra 6:1-2 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

Ezra 6:6-12 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: Let the work of this house of God alone: let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place. Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not hindered. And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the Burnt Offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail: ...

Finished the third of the twelfth month in the sixth year of Darius.

Ezra 6:15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

Dedication of, celebrated with joy and thankfulness.

Ezra 6:16-18 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs: and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the Tribes of Israel. And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem: as it is written in the book of Moses.

Repaired and beautified by Herod, which occupied forty-six years.

John 2:20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

The magnificence of its building and ornaments.

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Mark 13:1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

Luke 21:5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

Beautiful gate of, mentioned.

Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask Alms of them that entered into the temple:

Solomon's porch connected with.

John 10:23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Acts 3:11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

CHRIST

To appear in.

Haggai 2:7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Presented in.

Luke 2:22 And when the days of her purification according to The Law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord:

Luke 2:27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of The Law,

Miraculously transported to a pinnacle of.

Matthew 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Luke 4:9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

Frequently taught in.

Mark 14:49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

Purified, and the commencement of His ministry.

John 2:15-17 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he Drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen: and poured out the Changers' money, and overthrew the tables: And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence: make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

Purified, at the close of His ministry.

Matthew 21:12-13 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneyChangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of Thieves.

Predicted its destruction.

Matthew 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Mark 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Luke 21:6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

The Veil of Rent at our Lord's Death.

Matthew 27:51 And, behold, The Veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom: and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent:

Separation between the outer or Gentile court and that of the Jews, alluded to.

Ephesians 2:13-14 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us:

No Gentile allowed to enter the inner courts of.

Acts 21:27-30 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him, 28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and The Law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place. (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

THE JEWS

Prayed without, while the priest offered incense within.

Luke 1:10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

Luke 18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

Considered it blasphemy to speak against.

Matthew 26:61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

Acts 6:13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and The Law:

Acts 21:28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and The Law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

Desecrated by selling oxen, ect. in.

John 2:14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the Changers of money sitting:

Desecration of, foretold.

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the Abomination that maketh desolate.

Cleansed and rededicated by Judas Maccabæus after its desecration by Antiochus Epiphanes.

John 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

Desecrated by the Romans.

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Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the Abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,
(whoso readeth, let him understand:)

The Church of Israel

Established by God.

Deuteronomy 4:5-14 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do *them*: for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. For what nation *is there so great*, who *hath* God *so nigh* unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon him *for*? And what nation *is there so great*, that hath statutes and judgments *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons: *Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children. And ye came near and stood under the mountain: and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude: only *ye heard* a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments: and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

Deuteronomy 26:18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments:

Acts 7:35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Admission into, by circumcision.

Genesis 17:10-14 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee: Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin: and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people: he hath broken my covenant.

All Israelites members of.

Romans 9:4 Who are Israelites: to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises:

Was relatively holy.

Exodus 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations: that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

Numbers 16:3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

HAD

An appointed place of worship.

Deuteronomy 12:5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

Appointed ordinances.

Exodus 18:20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

Hebrews 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

Hebrews 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Appointed feasts.

Leviticus 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

Isaiah 1:14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me: I am weary to bear them.

An ordained ministry.

Exodus 29:9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

Deuteronomy 10:8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

The divine presence manifested in it.

Exodus 29:45-46 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.

A spiritual church within it.

Romans 9:6-8 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Romans 11:2-7 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars: and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of Baal*. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for: but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

In covenant with God.

Deuteronomy 4:13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments: and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

Deuteronomy 4:23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

The depository of holy writ.

Romans 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

CALLED THE

Congregation of Israel.

Exodus 12:47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

Leviticus 4:13 And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty:

Congregation of the Lord.

Numbers 27:17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in: that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

Numbers 31:16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

Privileges of.

Romans 9:4 Who are Israelites: to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises:

Proselytes admitted into.

Numbers 9:14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD: according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

Numbers 15:15 One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

Numbers 15:29 Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

Supported by the people.

Exodus 34:20 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

Deuteronomy 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

WORSHIP OF, CONSISTED IN

Sacrifice.

Exodus 10:25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

Leviticus 1:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

Hebrews 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Prayer.

Exodus 24:11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

Psalms 5:7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Psalms 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

Praise.

2 Chronicles 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD: and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD:

2 Chronicles 30:21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.

Reading God's word.

Exodus 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Deuteronomy 31:11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

Preaching.

Nehemiah 8:4-5 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose: and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand: and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people: (for he was above all the people:) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

Attachment of the Jews to.

John 9:28-29 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple: but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

MEMBERS OF

Required to know its statutes.

Leviticus 10:11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Required to keep its statutes.

Deuteronomy 16:12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Required to attend its worship.

Exodus 23:17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Separated from, while unclean.

Leviticus 13:46 All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled: he is unclean: he shall dwell alone: without the camp shall his habitation be.

Leviticus 15:31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness: that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

Numbers 5:2-4 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them: that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell. And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

Excommunicated for heavy offenses.

Numbers 15:30 But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Numbers 19:20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him: he is unclean.

Persons excluded from.

Exodus 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it: and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

Deuteronomy 23:1-4 He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD: even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD. An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD: even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever: Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt: and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

Ezekiel 44:7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

Ezekiel 44:9 Thus saith the Lord GOD: No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

A type of the church of Christ.

Galatians 4:24-26 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants: the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

The General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn

Hebrews 12:22-23 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Synagogues

Places Jews Assembled for Worship

Places in which the Jews assembled for worship.

Acts 13:5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

Early notice of their existence.

Psalms 74:8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

Probably originated in the schools of the Prophets.

1 Samuel 19:18-24 ¶ So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah. And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

2 Kings 4:23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor Sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

Revival of, after the captivity.

Nehemiah 8:1-8 ¶ And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* before the water gate: and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand: and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose: and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand: and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people: (for he was above all the people:) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place. So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

SERVICE OF, CONSISTED OF

Prayer.

Matthew 6:5 ¶ *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites **are**: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*

Reading the word of God.

Nehemiah 8:18 Also day by day, from the First Day unto the last day, he read in the book of The Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days: and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

Nehemiah 9:3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of The Law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day: and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

Nehemiah 13:1 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people: and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the Congregation of God for ever:

Acts 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.

Expounding the word of God.

Nehemiah 8:8 So they read in the book in The Law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Luke 4:21 And he began to say unto them, *This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

Praise and thanksgiving.

Nehemiah 9:5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

Service in, on the Sabbath day.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

GOVERNED BY

A president or chief ruler.

Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house: and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Acts 18:17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the Judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

Ordinary rulers.

Mark 5:22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name: and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

Acts 13:15 And after the reading of The Law and the Prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

Provided with a minister, who had charge of the sacred books.

Luke 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Luke 4:20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Had seats for the Congregation.

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

Chief seats in, reserved for elders.

Matthew 23:6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

A portion of Scripture read by one of the Congregation.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Strangers were invited to address the Congregation in.

Acts 13:15 And after the reading of The Law and the Prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

CHRIST OFTEN

Attended.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Preached and taught in.

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Mark 1:39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

Luke 13:10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

Performed Miracles in.

Matthew 12:9-10 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

The Apostles frequently taught and preached in.

Acts 9:20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Acts 13:5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

Acts 17:1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

Acts 17:17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

Often used as courts of justice.

Acts 9:2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

James 2:2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment:

OFFENDERS WERE OFTEN

Given up to, for trial.

Luke 12:11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

Luke 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

Punished in.

Matthew 10:17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues:

Matthew 23:34 ¶ Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some of them ye shall kill and crucify: and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:*

Acts 22:19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

Expelled from.

John 9:22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did Confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

John 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him: but because of the Pharisees they did not Confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

John 16:2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

The building of, considered a noble and meritorious work.

Luke 7:5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

Sometimes several, in the same city.

Acts 6:9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

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Each sect had its own.

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THE OLD COVENANT HAS BEEN ABOLISHED

The Temple, Priesthood, & Daily Sacrifices, Abolished

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*: Ephesians 2:14

The Mt. Sinai Covenant Has Been Abolished

The Old Covenant — Abolished

The Two Covenants

Galatians 4:21-31. ¶ Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh: but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. Which things are an allegory: for **these are the two covenants: the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.** But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not: break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now. **Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.** So then, brethren, **we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.**

The Mt. Sinai Covenant Was the Ten Commandments

Exodus 31:18. And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him **upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone,** written with the finger of God.

Exodus 34:28. ¶ And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights: he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And **he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.**

Deuteronomy 4:13. And he declared unto you **his covenant,** which he commanded you to perform, even **ten commandments: and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.**

Deuteronomy 5:2-3. The LORD our God **made a covenant with us in Horeb.** ³ The LORD **made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.**

Deuteronomy 9:9. When **I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you,** then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

I Will Make a New Covenant

Hebrews 8:8. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 8:13. In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old.** Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 9:1-4. ¶ Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made: the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread: which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all: Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and **the tables of the covenant**:

There Is Made of Necessity A Change Also of The Law

Hebrews 7:11-12. ¶ If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? **For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.**

Hebrews 7:18-19. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. **For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did:** by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Hebrews 9:9-10. Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that **could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience**: Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

The Ministration of Death, Engraven in Stones, Was Done Away

2 Corinthians 3:3. Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God: **not in tables of stone**, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

2 Corinthians 3:7. But if **the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious**, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance: **which glory was to be done away**:

2 Corinthians 3:9. For if **the ministration of condemnation be glory**, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

2 Corinthians 3:11. For if **that which is done away was glorious**, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

2 Corinthians 3:13. And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to **the end of that which is abolished**:

Galatians 3:10-12. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them**. But that **no man is justified by the law** in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith**. And **the law is not of faith**: but, **The man that doeth them shall live in them**.

Ephesians 2:12-16. That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. ¶ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath **broken down the middle wall of partition between us**: **Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances**: for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace: And **that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby**:

Colossians 2:14-17. Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross: And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. ¶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come: but the body is of Christ.

Colossians 2:20. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, **why**, as though living in the world, **are ye** subject to ordinances,

The Law Was Given By Moses

John 1:17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The Law Given by Moses Accuses Us

John 5:45. Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: **there is one that accuseth you, even Moses**, in whom ye trust.

The Law Was Written on Tables of Stone

2 Corinthians 3:3. Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, **written not with ink**, but with the Spirit of the living God: **not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

The Letter Of The Law Given By Moses Killeth

2 Corinthians 3:6. ¶ Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament: **not of the letter**, but of the spirit: **for the letter killeth**, but the spirit giveth life.

Romans 7:6. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held: that we should serve in newness of spirit, and **not in the oldness of the letter.**

The Law Given By Moses Was A Ministration Of Death

2 Corinthians 3:7. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance: **which glory was to be done away:**

The Law Given by Moses Was A Ministration Of Condemnation

2 Corinthians 3:9. For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

Man Cannot Be Justified by The Law Of Moses

Acts 13:39. And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

The Law Given That All the World May Become Guilty Before God

Romans 3:19-20. ¶ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Man Is Justified By Faith Without The Deeds Of The Law

Romans 3:27-28. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

The Promise, Was Not Through the Law

Romans 4:13-16. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace: to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed: not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham: who is the father of us all,

Ye Are Not Under the Law, But Under Grace

Romans 6:14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Ye Are Dead to The Law By The Death Of Christ

Romans 7:1-5. ¶ Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth: but if the husband be dead, **she is loosed from the law** of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, **she is free from that law:** so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ:** that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

We Are Delivered from The Law That Said, "Thou Shalt Not Covet"

Romans 7:6-7. But now **we are delivered from the law**, that being dead wherein we were held: that we should serve in newness of spirit, and **not in the oldness of the letter**. ¶ What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, **Thou shalt not covet**.

The Law of Moses Cannot Condemn Christians

Romans 8:1-4. ¶ **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of **the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death**. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh**: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Israel Seeks to Be Justified by The Works of The Law

Romans 9:31-32. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because **they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law**. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone:

Christ Is the End of The Law

Romans 10:4. For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Only Perfect Obedience Justifies Before the Law

Romans 10:5. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, **That the man which doeth those things shall live by them**.

Galatians 3:10-13. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them**. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, **The man that doeth them shall live in them**. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree**:

Galatians 4:21. ¶ Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

Galatians 5:3-4. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that **he is a debtor to do the whole law**. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law: ye are fallen from grace.

James 2:10-11. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. **Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law**.

By The Works of the Law Shall No Flesh Be Justified

Galatians 2:16. Knowing that **a man is not justified by the works of the law**, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and **not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified**.

I Am Dead To The Law

Galatians 2:19. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

I Do Not Frustrate the Grace of God

Galatians 2:21. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

No One Receives the Spirit By The Works Of The Law

Galatians 3:2. This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:5. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

The Law Cannot Disannul the Promise

Galatians 3:17-19. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. ¶ Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Righteousness Is Not by The Law

Galatians 3:21. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

The Law Was Our Schoolmaster to Bring Us Unto Christ

Galatians 3:23-24. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Christ Came to Redeem Those That Were Under The Law

Galatians 4:4-5. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

If Ye Be Led Of The Spirit, Ye Are Not Under The Law

Galatians 5:18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

No One Is Able to Keep The Law

Galatians 6:13. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law: but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

John 7:19. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

The Law of Commandments Have Been Abolished

Ephesians 2:15. Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances: for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace:

Let No Man Beguile You of Your Reward.

Colossians 2:13-20. ¶ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses: **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross:** And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. ¶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: **Which are a shadow of things to come: but the body is of Christ.** **Let no man beguile you of your reward** in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. **Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,**

The Law Made Nothing Perfect.

Hebrews 7:19. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did: by the which we draw nigh unto God.

How Turn Ye Again... To Be in Bondage?

Galatians 4:8-11 ¶ Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, **how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.** I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Days, = *Weekly Sabbath.*

Months, = *Monthly New Moon Sabbaths.*

Times, = *Annual Festival Sabbaths.*

Years, = *7th Year Sabbaths, & Jubilees.*

Old Covenant.

"ON TABLES OF STONE," 2 Corinthians 3:3.

"The Letter Kills," 2 Corinthians 3:6.

"Was Glorious," 2 Corinthians 3:7.

"Was Passing Away," 2 Corinthians 3:14.

"Ministry Of Death And Condemnation," 2 Corinthians 3:7,9.

New Covenant.

"On The Heart," 2 Corinthians 3:3.

"The Spirit Gives Life," 2 Corinthians 3:6.

"Ministry Of Righteousness," 2 Corinthians 3:9.

"MUCH MORE GLORIOUS," 2 Corinthians 3:11.

"REMAINS," 2 Corinthians 3:11.

2 Corinthians 3:11. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

We Are Not Come unto Mount Sinai.

Hebrews 12:18-26 ¶ For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words: which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh

better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Not Under the Works of the Law—Romans & Galatians

The Works of the Law in Romans

Romans 2:12-15 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law: (**For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.** For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew **the work of the law written in their hearts**, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another:)

Romans 2:17-18 ¶ Behold, **thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God**, And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, **being instructed out of the law**:

Romans 2:20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of **the truth in the law**.

Romans 2:23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

Romans 2:25-27 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

Romans 3:19-21 ¶ Now we know that **what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law**: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets:

A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law

Romans 3:27-28 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by **the law of faith**. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, **we establish the law**.

Romans 4:2 For if **Abraham were justified by works**, he hath *whereof* to glory: but not before God.

God imputeth righteousness without works

Romans 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works**,

Romans 4:13-16 For **the promise**, that he should be the heir of the world, *was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law*, but through the righteousness of faith. For **if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void**, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression. Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace: to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed: not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham: who is the father of us all,

Sin is not imputed when there is no law

Romans 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law).

Romans 5:20 Moreover **the law entered, that the offence might abound.** But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Ye are not under the law, but under grace

Romans 6:14-15 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for **ye are not under the law, but under grace.** What then? **shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace?** God forbid.

Romans 7:1-9 ¶ Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For **the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth:** but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but **if her husband be dead, she is free from that law:** so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ: that ye should be married to another, *even to him who is raised from the dead,*** that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held: that **we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.** ¶ What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for **I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.** But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

Romans 7:12 Wherefore **the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.**

Romans 7:14 ¶ For we know that **the law is spiritual: but I am carnal,** sold under sin.

Romans 7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

Romans 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God **according to election** might stand, **not of works, but of him that calleth:**)

Romans 7:21-23 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then **with the mind I myself serve the law of God: but with the flesh the law of sin.**

Romans 8:2-4 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For **what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh,** God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:7 Because **the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**

Romans 9:4 Who are Israelites: to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises:

Romans 9:31-32 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to **the law of righteousness.** Wherefore? Because ***they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.*** For they stumbled at that stumblingstone:

Romans 10:4-5 For **Christ *is* the end of the law** for righteousness to every one that believeth. For **Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,** That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 11:6 And if **by grace, then *is it* no more of works:** otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

The Works of the Law in Galatians

Galatians 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

If righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain

Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law?

Galatians 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law

Galatians 3:10-13 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

The law, which was four hundred and thirty years after

Galatians 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

If the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise

Galatians 3:18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

The law was added, till the seed should come

Galatians 3:19 ¶ Wherefore then *serveth* **the law**? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ

Galatians 3:21-25 *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster** *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be **justified by faith**. But after that faith is come, **we are no longer under a schoolmaster**.

Christ made under the law, to redeem them under the law

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, **made under the law**. To redeem **them that were under the law**, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:21 ¶ Tell me, **ye that desire to be under the law**, do ye not hear the law?

He is a debtor to do the whole law

Galatians 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that **he is a debtor to do the whole law**.

Whosoever is justified by the law: is fallen from grace

Galatians 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, **whosoever of you are justified by the law**: ye are fallen from grace.

If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law

Galatians 5:18-21 But if ye be led of the Spirit, **ye are not under the law**. Now **the works of the flesh** are manifest, which are *these*: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Fulfill the law of Christ

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Galatians 5:24 And **they that are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Galatians 5:22-23 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law: but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

The Apostle Paul's Custom of Attending Jewish Synagogues

The New Testament does not give a single example of Christians conducting their religious services on the Sabbath. Synagogues were Jewish places of worship—Not Christian churches.

Acts 13:42, 44.

“And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. . . . And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.”

Synagogues were Jewish places of worship—not Christian churches. These men had originally assembled to read from Moses, according to the customs of Judaism—not to worship Jesus Christ. Paul’s custom was to attend the Jewish synagogue to introduce Christianity to the Jews before preaching publicly on the streets of the city to the Gentiles. There is not a single example of Christians meeting in synagogues or keeping the weekly 7th-day Sabbath in the New Testament of the Holy KJV Bible.

Acts 16:13.

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made: and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

Bible Commentaries explain the Greek in this verse, and the customs of the smaller Jewish colonies who dwelt in foreign lands during the first century, so well, therefore it behooves us to examine them. Notice how all the Bible Commentaries are completely in agreement.

John Gill’s Bible Commentary.

“Without the gate: and the Syriac version, “without the gates of the city”: all to the same sense: it looks as if there was no synagogue of the Jews in this place, or otherwise the apostle and his companions would have gone into that, according to their custom: and this the rather seems to be the case, since it is so particularly remarked, that at Thessalonica, the next place they stayed at there was one, Acts 17:1 and the reason might be, because that Philippi being a Roman colony, the Jews were not suffered to have one in it: wherefore Paul and his company, whether on the Jewish sabbath, or on any other day of the week, took a walk out of the city: either for the sake of a walk, or rather to converse together, and consider what was to be done, or to look out for an opportunity to preach the Gospel: and they came to a place,”

“Where prayer was wont to be made: or as the words may be rendered, “where was thought to be a place of prayer”: a “proseucha”, an oratory, or a place built and made use of for prayer: that is, as they walked along, they saw a place, which in their opinion looked like a religious house, or a place for prayer, and so made up to it, where they found some persons assembled together on that account: this sense is confirmed by several versions. . . .the Arabic version, “we went out to a certain place, which was thought to be a place of prayer”: to which may be added the Ethiopic version, “and we thought there was prayer there”: and that the Jews had their oratories, or prayer houses, is certain.”

Albert Barnes Bible Commentary.

Where prayer – Where there was a place of prayer, or where prayer was commonly offered. The Greek will bear either, but the sense is the same. Places for prayer were erected by the Jews in the vicinity of cities and towns, and particularly where there were not Jewish families enough, or where they were forbidden by the magistrate to erect a synagogue. These proseuchae, or places of prayer, were simple enclosures made of stones, in a grove or under a tree, where there would be a retired and convenient place for worship.

Was wont – Was accustomed to be offered, or where it was established by custom.

And spake unto the women . . . – This was probably before the regular service of the place commenced.

Adam Clarke's Bible Commentary.

By a river side, where prayer was wont to be made – Οὐ ἐνομιζέτο προσευχῇ εἶναι, where it was said there was a proseucha. The proseucha was a place of prayer, or a place used for worship, where there was no synagogue. It was a large building uncovered, with seats, as in an amphitheatre. Buildings of this sort the Jews had by the sea side, and by the sides of rivers. See this subject considered at large in the note on Luke 6:12 (note). It appears that the apostles had heard from some of the Gentiles, or from some of the Jews themselves, that there was a place of prayer by the river side: and they went out in quest of it, knowing that, as it was the Sabbath, they should find some Jews there.

Spake unto the women – Probably this was before the time of their public worship, and while they were waiting for the assembling of the people in general: and Paul improved the opportunity to speak concerning Christ and salvation to the women that resorted thither.

Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Bible Commentary.

where prayer was wont to be made — or a prayer-meeting held. It is plain there was no synagogue at Philippi (contrast Acts 17:1), the number of the Jews being small. The meeting appears to have consisted wholly of women, and these not all Jewish. The neighborhood of streams was preferred, on account of the ceremonial washings used on such occasions.

we sat down and spake unto the women, etc. — a humble congregation, and simple manner of preaching. But here and thus were gathered the first-fruits of Europe unto Christ, and they were of the female sex, of whose accession and services honorable mention will again and again be made.

Acts 17:2.

“And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,”

The New Testament does not give a single example of Christians conducting their religious services in Jewish synagogues or on the weekly 7th-day Sabbath in the New Testament of the Holy KJV Bible.

Acts 21:28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all *men* every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 ¶ For though I be free from all *men*, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews: to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law: To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you*.

Paul was a tentmaker by trade. He worked during the week to provide for himself so that no one could accuse him of being in ministry only to get others money! Meeting in the synagogue on the Sabbath was the best time to meet with large numbers of people and share the gospel with people who already believed the scriptures were from God. It only made good sense!

John Gill's Bible Commentary.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,... Or the episynagogue of one another: **which word is used to distinguish Christian assemblies from Jewish synagogues**, and to denote the coalition of Jews and Gentiles in one church state, and to express the saints' gathering together to Christ: see 2Th 2:1 and their act of meeting together in some one place to attend his worship, word, and ordinances.

Acts 18:4.

"And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks."

Once again, these examples are not Christian gatherings, rather they are taking place in "a synagogue of the Jews." The purpose of Paul's visit was to reason with the Jews out of the scriptures concerning Jesus Christ.

"persuaded them to continue in the grace of God." Acts 13:43.

"...reasoned with them out of the scriptures," Acts 17:1-2.

"And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews." Acts 18:4.

Matthew 24:20.

"But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:"

Barnes Commentary

Long **journeys were prohibited** by the law on the Sabbath, Exodus 16:29. . . . It should be added that it was almost impracticable to travel in Judea on that day, as **the gates of the cities were usually closed**, Nehemiah 13:19-22."

Clarke's Commentary.

"That you may not raise the indignation of the Jews by traveling on that day, and so suffer that death out of the city which you had endeavored to escape from within. Besides, on the Sabbath-days the Jews not only kept within doors, but **the gates of all the cities and towns in every place were kept shut and barred**: so that their flight should be on a Sabbath, they could not expect admission into any place of security in the land."

'The People's New Testament' Bible Commentary

"Because then the gates of the city were closed, preventing departure."

Luke 23:56.

"And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment".

Let no man go out of his place on the seventh day

"Abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." **Exodus 16:29.**

Those who lived in the country were not permitted to travel on the Sabbath and had to remain in their homes. Those living in the cities were only permitted to travel from their homes to the synagogues and then back home so long as it was within the allotted "Sabbath Days Journey" of 2000 paces. This is why the Women had to rush home before the Sabbath - after all, they were only permitted 2000 paces to move around on the Sabbath. "On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment." Luke 23:54-56, Luke 24:1

The Desolation Of Jerusalem & the Temple in 70 AD

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and *the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;* and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto *the end of the war* desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and *in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

The context of Daniel 9 is the City of Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in **THE DESOLATIONS OF JERUSALEM**.

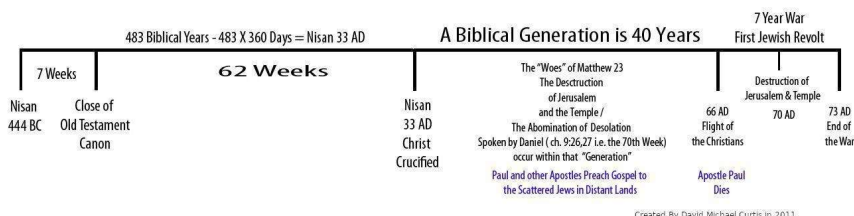
Daniel 9:7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day: to the men of Judah, and to **THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM**, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

Daniel 9:12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done **UPON JERUSALEM**.

Daniel 9:16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from **THY CITY JERUSALEM**, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, **JERUSALEM AND THY PEOPLE** are become a reproach to all that are about us.

Daniel 9:18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear: open thine eyes, and **BEHOLD OUR DESOLATIONS, AND THE CITY** which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

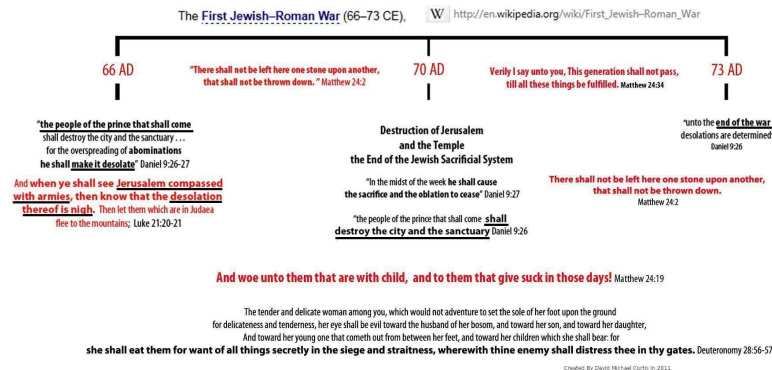
Daniel 9:19 O Lord, hear: O Lord, forgive: O Lord, hearken and do: defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for **THY CITY AND THY PEOPLE** are called by thy name.



Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined **UPON THY PEOPLE AND UPON THY HOLY CITY**, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to **BUILD JERUSALEM** unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: **THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN, AND THE WALL**, even in troublous times.

Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that shall come **SHALL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY**: and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.



Overview of Daniel 9:

1. Jerusalem and the Sanctuary are 1. Desolate (BC 586 by Nebuchadnezzar).
2. Then Jerusalem is Rebuilt (Decree given **Nisan 14, BC 444** by Nehemiah).
3. Jesus "the Messiah" would be "cut off" outside the walls of Jerusalem that Nehemiah would rebuild EXACTLY "69 weeks" or **483 Years (483 Passovers)** from the decree in Nehemiah 2 (Fulfilled **Nisan 14, AD 33**).
4. Jerusalem and the Sanctuary are Destroyed/ Made Desolate again (AD 70, by Titus and the Roman Army in the middle of the 7 year Jewish Revolt).

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

The Desolation Of Jerusalem

Daniel 9:2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in **THE DESOLATIONS OF JERUSALEM**.

Daniel 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon **THY SANCTUARY THAT IS DESOLATE**, for the Lord's sake.

Daniel 9:18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear: open thine eyes, and **BEHOLD OUR DESOLATIONS, AND THE CITY WHICH IS CALLED BY THY NAME**: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

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The People (Roman Army), The Prince (Titus), & The War (First Jewish Revolt AD 66—AD 73)

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Luk 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Luk 21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

Luk 21:21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

Luk 21:22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Luk 21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

Matthew 24:15-16 When ye therefore shall see **THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, SPOKEN OF BY DANIEL THE PROPHET,** stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

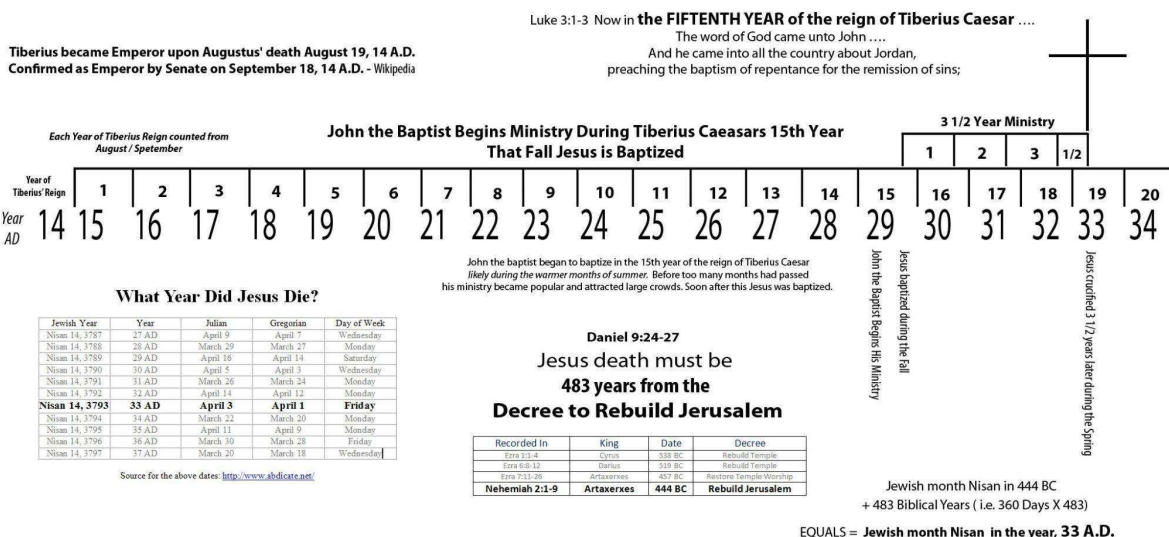
It Must Match All These Points

1. Christ's ministry must begin after the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius
2. Christ's death must be 483 years from the Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem
3. Passover must fall on a Friday

What Year Did Jesus Die?

Some theories match 1 or 2 points, however...

No other year matches every point in the Bible



Luke 21:20-21 ¶ And when ye shall see **JERUSALEM COMPASSED WITH ARMIES, THEN KNOW THAT THE DESOLATION THEREOF IS NIGH.** Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains: and let them which are in the midst of it depart out: and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

Important Events During The 70 Week Prophecy

70 Weeks = 490 Days = Years (i.e. 490 Years)

- Which **Start** = **Nisan 14 (Passover), BC 444** (Nehemiah 2:1 —Decree To Rebuild Walls & Streets of Jerusalem)
- 62+7 Weeks = 69 Weeks or **483 Years (483 Passovers)**
- Which **End** = **Nisan 14 (Passover), AD 33** (April 1, Jesus Crucified i.e. "Messiah Cut Off, But Not For Himself")
- "This Generation" (Matthew 24:34, i.e. **40 Years, AD 33—AD 73**)
- **AD 66** Peter & Paul Martyred, End of the New Testament Canon, Beginning of the **First Jewish Revolt AD 66—AD 73**
- **AD 70** Jerusalem & the Temple are Destroyed "**In the Midst of the Week,**" i.e. **in the Middle of the 7 Year War (AD 70)**
- **AD 70** The Sacrifices at the Temple are Ended Forever "in the Midst of the Week"
- **AD 73** End of the **First Jewish Revolt AD 66—AD 73**, End of the 70 Week Prophecy

The 70 Week Prophecy marks **THE END of the centralized worship of Jehovah in Jerusalem**, the Law of Moses, the Temple and its services, including the animal sacrifices. The end of the 70 Week Prophecy marks **THE BEGINNING of the Church Age!**

The Beginning of the Church Age

John 4:19-26 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. **Our fathers worshipped in this mountain: and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.** The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he.**

Matthew 18:20 **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

One Church, Catholic, Universal, All Believers, Not Divided

Not Divided by Jew & Greek

Acts 8:14 ¶ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Acts 15:19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

Romans 1:14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians: both to the wise, and to the unwise.

Romans 1:16 ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 10:12 ¶ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Galatians 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship: that we *should* go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

Ephesians 2:11-22 ¶ Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands: That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. ¶ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*: Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances: for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace: And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Not Divided by Houses of Worship

1 Corinthians 1:11-13 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that **every one of you saith, I am of Paul: and I of Apollos: and I of Cephas: and I of Christ.** **Is Christ divided?** was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 3:3-6 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? **For while one saith, I am of Paul: and another, I am of Apollos: are ye not carnal?** ¶ Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered: but God gave the increase.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: **ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.**

1 Corinthians 3:22 **Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas,** or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come: **all are yours:**

1 Corinthians 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes: that ye might learn in us **not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.**

To be Divided at the Second Coming—By the Angels

The Wheat & Tares

Believers & False Converts, Distinguishable Only by God and the Angels, and are to Remain Together Until Harvest, at the Second Coming

Matthew 13:24-30 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay: lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:36-43 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man: The field is the world: the good seed are the children of the kingdom: but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*: The enemy that sowed them is the devil: the harvest is the end of the world: and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire: so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity: And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13 ¶ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil: for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*: lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The Sheep & the Goats

Matthew 25:31-46 ¶ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

THE NEW COVENANT

Titles & Names of the Church

Assembly of the Saints.

Psalms 89:7. God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the Saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

Assembly of the upright.

Psalms 111:1. Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the Congregation.

Body of Christ.

Ephesians 1:22-23. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Branch of God's planting.

Isaiah 60:21. Thy people also shall be all Righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Bride of Christ.

Revelation 21:9. And there came unto me one of the seven Angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Church of God.

Acts 20:28. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Church of the Living God.

1 Timothy 3:15. But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Church of the first-born.

Hebrews 12:23. To the general assembly and Church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

City of the Living God.

Hebrews 12:22. But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of Angels,

Congregation of Saints.

Psalms 149:1. Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the Congregation of Saints.

Congregation of the Lord's poor.

Psalms 74:19. O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the Congregation of thy poor for ever.

Dove.

Song of Solomon 2:14. O my dove, that Art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy Countenance, let me hear thy voice: for sweet is thy voice, and thy Countenance is Comely.

Song of Solomon 5:2. I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

Family in heaven and earth.

Ephesians 3:15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Flock of God.

Ezekiel 34:15. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

1 Peter 5:2. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind:

Fold of Christ.

John 10:16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

General assembly of the first-born.

Hebrews 12:23. To the general assembly and Church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Golden candlestick.

Revelation 1:20. The mystery of the Seven Stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the Seven Golden Candlesticks. The Seven Stars are the Angels of the seven Churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven Churches.

God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

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God's heritage.

Joel 3:2. I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

1 Peter 5:3. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being Ensamples to the flock.

Habitation of God.

Ephesians 2:22. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Heavenly of Jerusalem.

Galatians 4:26. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Hebrews 12:22. But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of Angels,

Holy city.

Revelation 21:2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Holy mountain.

Zechariah 8:3. Thus saith the LORD: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth: and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

Holy hill.

Psalms 15:1. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

House of God.

1 Timothy 3:15. But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Hebrews 10:21. And having an High Priest over the house of God:

House of the God of Jacob.

Isaiah 2:3. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will Teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth The Law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

House of Christ.

Hebrews 3:6. But Christ as a son over his own house: whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Household of God.

Ephesians 2:19. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the Saints, and of the household of God:

Inheritance.

Psalms 28:9. Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Isaiah 19:25. Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Israel of God.

Galatians 6:16. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

King's daughter.

Psalms 45:13. The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Lamb's wife.

Revelation 19:7. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 21:9. And there came unto me one of the seven Angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Lot of God's inheritance.

Deuteronomy 32:9. For the LORDS' portion is his people: Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

Mount Zion.

Psalms 2:6. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Hebrews 12:22. But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of Angels,

Mountain of the Lord's house.

Isaiah 2:2. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORDS' house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills: and all nations shall flow unto it.

New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Pillar and ground of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15. But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Sanctuary of God.

Psalms 114:2. Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

Spiritual house.

1 Peter 2:5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Spouse of Christ.

Song of Solomon 4:12. A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse: a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

Song of Solomon 5:1. I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice: I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey: I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends: drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

Sought out, a city not forsaken.

Isaiah 62:12. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Temple of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Temple of the Living God.

2 Corinthians 6:16. And what agreement hath the temple of God with Idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Vineyard.

Jeremiah 12:10. Many Pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

Matthew 21:41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

The Rock the Church is Built On, Is Jesus

Matthew 16:18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

The Rock Is Perfect and Without Iniquity.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4. Because **I will publish the name of the LORD**: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

Deuteronomy 32:31. For their rock *is not as our Rock*, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

Jesus Christ Is An Immovable Rock—He Did No Sin.

1 Peter 2:22. Who **did no sin**, neither was guile found in his mouth:

2 Corinthians 5:21. For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Peter Was A “Tiny Stone”—A Sinful Man.

John 1:42. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, **Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.**

Luke 5:8. When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, **Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.**

Who is a Rock Save Our God?

1 Samuel 2:2. *There is* none holy as the LORD: **for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.**

2 Samuel 22:32. For *who is* God, save the LORD? and *who is* a rock, save our God?

Psalms 18:31. For *who is* God save the LORD? or *who is* a rock save our God?

That Rock Was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:4. And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ.**

The foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ Himself Being The Chief Corner Stone.

Matthew 21:42. Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**

Mark 12:10. And have ye not read this scripture; **The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:**

Luke 20:17. And he beheld them, and said, **What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?**

Acts 4:11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Ephesians 2:20. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

1 Peter 2:7-9. Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.* But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

The Head Of All Principality And Power.

Colossians 2:10. And ye are complete in him, **which is the head of all principality and power:**

Thou Art Exalted As Head Above All.

1 Chronicles 29:11. Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; *thine is* the kingdom, O LORD, and **thou art exalted as head above all.**

Psalms 57:11. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let thy glory be* above all the earth.

The King Of Heaven.

Daniel 4:37. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Glory Through Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:27. To God only wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Abraham's Promised Seed is Christ.

Galatians 3:16. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, **And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

All Things Were Created By Him, And For Him.

Colossians 1:16-18. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, **whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:** all things were created by him, and for him: And **he is before all things**, and by him all things consist. And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

Jesus Christ Is Far Above All Principality, And Power.

Ephesians 1:20-23. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Jesus Christ Is The Head of the Church.

Ephesians 4:15-16. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is **the head, even Christ:** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 5:23. For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**

Colossians 1:18-19. And **he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.** For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

God Hath Given Him A Name Which Is Above Every Name.

Philippians 2:9-11. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Angels, Authorities And Powers Made Subject Unto Him.

1 Peter 3:22. Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

1 Peter 5:11. To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18. But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Jude 25. To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.

Revelation 4:8-11. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.** And when those beasts **give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,** The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Worthy Is The Lamb That Was Slain To Receive Power.

Revelation 5:9-14. And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about

Only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Psalm 47:2. For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.

Revelation 5:11-14. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**; Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing**. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever**. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Revelation 7:12. Saying, **Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Revelation 19:1. And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, **Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:**

Revelation 19:6. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, **Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**

Earth.

Psalm 83:18. That *men* may know that thou, **whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.**

Jeremiah 10:10. But the LORD *is* the true God, *he is* the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

The King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, The Only Wise God

1 Timothy 1:17. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:13-16. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of **our Lord Jesus Christ**: Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and **only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords**; **16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**

KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 17:14. These shall make war with the Lamb, and **the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings**: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:16. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Jesus Kingdom Is Not Yet On Earth.

John 18:36. Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world**: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Matthew 6:10. **Thy kingdom come.** Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Matthew 6:13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

A Kingdom, Which Shall Never Be Destroyed.

Daniel 2:44-45. And IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS SHALL THE **GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM, WHICH SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED**: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Daniel 4:34. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and **I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, WHOSE DOMINION IS AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, AND HIS KINGDOM IS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION:**

The Everlasting Kingdom is Given To Jesus Christ.

Daniel 7:13-14. I saw in the night visions, and, **behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. AND THERE WAS GIVEN HIM DOMINION, AND GLORY, AND A KINGDOM, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: HIS DOMINION IS AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, WHICH SHALL NOT PASS AWAY, AND HIS KINGDOM THAT WHICH SHALL NOT BE DESTROYED.**

Matthew 26:63-64. But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

Ascribe Righteousness to My Maker.

Deuteronomy 32:3. Because I will publish the name of the LORD: **ascribe ye greatness unto our God.**

Job 36:3. I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

Psalms 68:34. Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

Their Rock Is Not As Our Rock.

Deuteronomy 32:31. For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

A Wise Man, Which Built His House Upon A Rock.

Matthew 7:21-29. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for **it was founded upon a rock.** And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, *shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:* And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: *and great was the fall of it.* And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

Water from the Rock In Horeb (Exodus 17:5-7)

Exodus 17:5-7. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; **and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink.** And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

Water Flowing from the Rock (Numbers 20:7-11)

Numbers 20:7-11. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and **speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water,** and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

That Rock Was Christ

1 Corinthians 10:4. And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ.**

Whosoever Drinketh of the Water That I Shall Give Him Shall Never Thirst

John 4:14. *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

The High Priest Over the Church, Is Jesus Christ

“Having an High Priest Over the House of God” Hebrews 10:21.

To Make Reconciliation For The Sins Of The People.

Hebrews 2:17. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be **made like unto his brethren**, that he might be a **merciful and faithful high priest** in things *pertaining* to God, **to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.**

Consider The High Priest Of Our Profession, Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 3:1. ¶ Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and **High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus:**

A Great High Priest That Is Passed Into The Heavens.

Hebrews 4:14-15. Seeing then that **we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast *our* profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but **was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

Offer Both Gifts And Sacrifices For Sins.

Hebrews 5:1. ¶ For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may **offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:**

Glorified Not Himself.

Hebrews 5:5. So also **Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest:** but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

After The Order Of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:10. ¶ Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 6:20. Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* **Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

Psalms 110:4. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**

Hebrews 5:6. As he saith also in another place, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

Hebrews 7:15. And it is yet far more evident: for that **after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,**

Hebrews 7:17. For he testifieth, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

Because He Continueth Ever.

Hebrews 7:24. But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Holy, Harmless, Undefined, Separate From Sinners.

Hebrews 7:26. For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens:

Is Consecrated For Evermore.

Hebrews 7:28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity: but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Is Set On The Right Hand Of The Throne.

Hebrews 8:1. ¶ Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: **We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne** of the Majesty in the heavens:

Ordained To Offer Gifts And Sacrifices.

Hebrews 8:3. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

Went, Not Without Blood.

Hebrews 9:7. But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people:

In A Tabernacle, Not Made With Hands.

Hebrews 9:11. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and **more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building**:

Nor Yet That He Should Offer Himself Often.

Hebrews 9:25. Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others:

An High Priest Over The House Of God.

Hebrews 10:21. And *having* an high priest over the house of God:

The High Priest For Sin, Burned Without The Camp.

Hebrews 13:11. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by **the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.**

Appointed And Called By God.

Hebrews 3:1. Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus:

Hebrews 5:4-5. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest: but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

Superior To Aaron And The Levitical Priests.

Hebrews 7:11. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 7:16. Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Hebrews 8:1-2. Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens: A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Hebrews 8:6. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Consecrated With An Oath.

Hebrews 7:20-21. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath: but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

Has An Unchangeable Priesthood.

Hebrews 7:23-25. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this *man*, because he continueth ever, **hath an unchangeable priesthood**. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:28. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity: but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who **is consecrated for evermore**.

Is Of Unblemished Purity.

Hebrews 7:26. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens:

Hebrews 7:28. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity: but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Faithful.

Hebrews 3:2. Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

Needed No Sacrifice For Himself.

Hebrews 7:27. Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Offered Himself A Sacrifice.

Hebrews 9:14. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:26. For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

His Sacrifice Superior To All Others.

Hebrews 9:13-14. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:23. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these: but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Offered Sacrifice But Once.

Hebrews 7:27. Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Hebrews 9:25-26. Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others: For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Made Reconciliation.

Hebrews 2:17. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Obtained Eternal Redemption For Us.

Hebrews 9:12. Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Entered Into Heaven.

Hebrews 4:14. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 10:12. But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God:

To Appear In The Presence Of God For Us

Hebrews 9:24. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true: but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Sympathizes With Those Who Are Tempted.

Hebrews 2:18. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:15. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Intercedes.

Hebrews 7:25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 9:24. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true: but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Blesses.

Numbers 6:23-26. Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Acts 3:26. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

On His Throne.

Zechariah 6:13. Even he shall build the temple of the LORD: and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne: and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Appointment Of, And Encouragement To Steadfastness.

Hebrews 4:14. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

In Virtue Of His Atonement.

Ephesians 2:13-18. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. ¶ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*: Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances: for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace: And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Hebrews 9:15. And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 12:24. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

The Only Mediator Between God And Man.

1 Timothy 2:5. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus:

Of The Gospel Covenant.

Hebrews 8:6. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 12:24. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

TYPIFIED.

Moses,

Deuteronomy 5:5. (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount:) saying,

Galatians 3:19. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Melchizedek.

Genesis 14:18-20. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Aaron.

Exodus 40:12-15. And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him: that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

Numbers 16:48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

The Head of the Church, Is Jesus Christ

Predicted.

Psalm 118:22. The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

Matthew 21:42. Jesus saith unto them, *Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

Appointed By God.

Ephesians 1:22. And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

Declared By Himself.

Matthew 21:42. Jesus saith unto them, *Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

As His Mystical Body.

Ephesians 4:12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 5:23. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Has The Preeminence In All Things.

1 Corinthians 11:3. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God.

Ephesians 1:22. And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

Colossians 1:18. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

Commissioned His Apostles.

Matthew 10:1. And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matthew 28:19. *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

John 20:21. Then said Jesus to them again, *Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

Instituted The Ordinances.

Matthew 28:19. *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

Luke 22:19-20. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, *This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.* Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, *This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

Imparts Gifts.

Psalm 68:18. Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them.*

Ephesians 4:8. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Saints Are Complete In.

Colossians 2:10. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Perverters of the Truth Do Not Hold.

Colossians 2:18-19. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

The Royal Law of Jesus Christ

Shall We Sin, Because We Are Not Under the Law?

Romans 6:14-15 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

We Have an Advocate With The Father, Jesus Christ

1 John 2:1-2 ¶ My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-44 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:

Our Father Which is in Heaven

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Love The Lord Thy God With All Thy Heart

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbour as thyself.

This Is The Commandment Of Jesus Christ

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Fulfill The Royal Law

James 2:8 ¶ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Matthew 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

Let Each Esteem Other Better Than Themselves

Philippians 2:2-4 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let* nothing *be* done through strife or vainglory: but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Matthew 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Owe No Man Anything, But To Love One Another

Romans 13:8-10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet: and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

Luke 11:41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have: and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

Reconciliation

Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee: Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way: first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Luke 19:8-10 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor: and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, *This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.* For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

All The Law Is Fulfilled In One Word

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.

The Fruit Of The Spirit Is Love

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Matthew 7:12 ¶ Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Forbearing One Another In Love

Ephesians 4:2 ¶ With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love:

Luke 6:36-37 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. ¶ Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Every One That Loveth Is Born Of God

1 John 4:7 ¶ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God: and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Matthew 7:15-20 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

If We Love One Another, God Dwelleth In Us

1 John 4:11-12 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

In Liberty, By Love Serve One Another

Galatians 5:13 ¶ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty: only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Increase And Abound In Love One Toward Another

1 Thessalonians 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

Ye Yourselves Are Taught Of God To Love One Another

1 Thessalonians 4:9 ¶ But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ¶ Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind: charity envieth not: charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil: Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth: Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

This Is His Commandment

1 John 3:23 ¶ And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

If A Man Say, I Love God, And Hateth His Brother

1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Matthew 5:38-39 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: **39** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Luke 17:3-4 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him: and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent: thou shalt forgive him.

Hatred is Murder

Matthew 5:22 ¶ But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Lust is Adultery

Matthew 5:27-28 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

Every One That Loveth Is Born Of God, And Knoweth God

1 John 4:7 ¶ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God: and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Be Kindly Affectioned One To Another With Brotherly Love

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love: in honour preferring one another:

Mark 9:41 ¶ For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

Provoke One Another Unto Love And To Good Works

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

See That Ye Love One Another With A Pure Heart

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Having Compassion One Of Another

1 Peter 3:8 ¶ Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:

Forgive Injuries

Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The Royal Law According To The Scripture

James 2:8 ¶ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Matthew 16:24 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

This Is The Message

1 John 3:11 ¶ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

By This Shall All Men Know That Ye Are My Disciples

John 13:35 *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Matthew 20:25-28 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister: And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

This Is My Commandment

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

These Things I Command You

John 15:17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

2 John 5 ¶ And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

Matthew 25:34-46 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Baptism, Unites Believers into Christ's Body, the Church

As Administered By John.

Matthew 3:5-12. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance:** but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost,** and *with* fire: Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

John 3:23. And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

Acts 13:24. When John had first preached before his coming **the baptism of repentance** to all the people of Israel.

Acts 19:4. Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that **they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.**

Christ's Example.

Matthew 3:13-15. Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

Luke 3:21. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

Adopted By Christ.

John 3:22. After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

John 4:1-2. When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

Jesus Christ Commanded To Be Baptized

Matthew 28:19-20. Go ye therefore, and **Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Peter Commanded To Be Baptized

Acts 10:47-48. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And **he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 11:16. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**

Acts 16:15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

Acts 16:33. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Acts 18:8. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of **the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.**

Paul Commanded To Be Baptized

Acts 19:3-5. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

In The Name Of The Father, The Son, And The Holy Ghost.

Matthew 28:19. Go ye therefore, and Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Acts 1:5. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 11:15-18. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, *as on us at the beginning*. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.** Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.**

In The Name Of Jesus Christ

Acts 19:5. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

They That Gladly Received Peter's Words Were Baptized

Acts 2:41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Immediately Upon Hearing & Believing The Gospel

Acts 16:31-34. And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.** And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And **he took them the same hour of the night**, and washed *their* stripes; **and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.** And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

"Much Water," The Outward And Visible Sign In.

1 Corinthians 10:2. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud **and in the sea**;

John 3:23. And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim, because there was much water there; and they came, and were baptized.

Acts 8:36-39. And as they went on *their* way, **they came unto a certain water:** and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and **he baptized him.** And **when they were come up out of the water**, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 10:47. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Regeneration, The Inward And Spiritual Grace Of.

John 3:3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

John 3:5-6. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Titus 3:5-7. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy **he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;** Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Faith Necessary To.

Acts 8:36-38. And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, **See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

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Acts 19:4-5. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that **they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

Confession Of Sin Necessary To.

Matthew 3:6. And were **baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.**

Repentance Necessary To.

Acts 2:38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Remission Of Sins, Signified By.

Acts 2:38. Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,** and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 22:16. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized, and wash away thy sins,** calling on the name of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:26. That he might sanctify and cleanse it **with the washing of water** by the word,

There Is But One.

Ephesians 4:5. One Lord, one Faith, one baptism,

Rebaptism Necessary, When the Gospel is Not Understood, During The First Baptism

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Acts 8:38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 9:18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Households.

Acts 16:15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she Besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be Faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

1 Corinthians 1:16. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

John's Baptism Was Unto Repentance.

Matthew 3:11. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Acts 19:3-5. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Baptism is for the Remission of Sins, and the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38-39. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

The Believer is Sealed Immediately after Baptism, by the Holy Ghost.

Ephesians 1:13. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**

Ephesians 4:30. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Unites With Christ's Death, Burial & Resurrection.

Romans 6:3-4. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12. Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Unites With Christ's Body, The Church.

1 Corinthians 12:13. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Is How Believers Put On Christ.

Galatians 3:27-28. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Genesis 3:21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Job 29:14. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment *was* as a robe and a diadem.

Isaiah 61:10. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

A Man Which had not on a Wedding Garment.

Matthew 22:11-14. And when the king came in to see the guests, **he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:** And he saith unto him, **Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?** And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, **Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

Conducted In Different Houses, Doesn't Divide the Church into Separate Denominations.

1 Corinthians 1:13-17. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or **were ye baptized in the name of Paul?** I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; **Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.** And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For **Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel:** not with wisdom of words, **lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.**

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Baptism Into Christ's Death Has Set Us Free From The Law

Romans 7:1-4. Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. **Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.**

Replaced Circumcision As The Seal Of The New Covenant

Colossians 2:11-13. In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **Buried with him in baptism,** wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, *hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.*

One Baptism Vs. When Rebaptism Is Necessary.

Ephesians 4:5. states that there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and yet **Acts 19** demonstrates that when a correct understanding of the gospel is not present, a rebaptism is necessary,

The Thief On The Cross.

The thief on the cross demonstrates that faith in Jesus Christ is sufficient to save in extremely rare cases when baptism is impossible. However it is a misinterpretation when someone uses this isolated and very rare circumstance that prevented the thief from being baptized as an excuse to not be baptized, by somebody that is able to be baptized. Anyone that foolishly uses this example as a legal loophole or as a technicality, to downplay the importance of baptism and avoid being baptized, should be warned that there is no

excuse for refusing to obey Christ's commandment to be baptized, when you are able to be baptized. If a miracle had set the thief on the cross free, you can be certain that he would have been baptized.

Baptism is Obedience to the Gospel Motivated by Love to Jesus Christ

Baptism Is Not "Salvation By Works."

Mark 16:16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 14:23-24. Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Matthew 7:24-25. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

All Who Refuse to Obey the Gospel Perish.

Mark 16:16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 14:24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Matthew 7:26-27. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

2 Thessalonians 1:8. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 4:17. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Baptism "Saves."

In like Figure as the Ark "Saved" From The Flood.

1 Peter 3:20-21. Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, **eight souls were saved by water.** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good Conscience toward God,) by The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Mark 16:16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

The death of Jesus on the Cross saves from sin, Baptism is the sign that unites the repentant believer into Christ's death. Romans 6:1-4. Upon Baptism the believer receives the Holy Ghost, by which he is sealed unto the day of redemption.

The thief on the cross demonstrates that when circumstances make Baptism utterly impossible, Christ will redeem and rejoice with that person in Paradise. However when Baptism is possible, and it is refused, there is no forgiveness of sins. Such refusal is deemed unbelief and denial of Christ.

Baptism Did Not Save the Unrepentant Simon Magus.

Simon Magus Believed And Was Baptized.

Acts 8:12. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then **Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized**, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Simon Magus Had Not Received The Holy Ghost

Acts 8:16. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Why Not? Simon Magus Had Not Repented,

Faith, And Baptism In The Name Of The Lord Did Not Save Him. The Water Did Not Impart Any Supernatural Powers Or Graces To Simon Magus, Without Repentance, Simon Magus Was Still In The Gall Of Bitterness, And In The Bond Of Iniquity.

Acts 8:14-25. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, **that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)** Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. **Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.** Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Acts 8:36. And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Acts 8:38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 9:18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Typified.

1 Corinthians 10:2. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

The Kingdom of God is in Heaven

The Kingdom of Heaven—Not of this World

John 8:23 And he said unto them, **Ye are from beneath: I am from above: ye are of this world: I am not of this world.**

John 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.**

John 6:15 ¶ When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

John 8:15 **Ye judge after the flesh: I judge no man.**

Psalms 45:3-7 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies: *whereby* the people fall under thee. ¶ **Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.** Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be no end*, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Zechariah 9:9 ¶ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation: lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Luke 12:14 And he said unto him, **Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?**

Luke 17:20-21 ¶ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink: but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Colossians 1:12-14 ¶ Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and **hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Lay Up for Yourselves Treasure in Heaven

Matthew 6:19-20 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:**

Matthew 13:44 ¶ Again, **the kingdom of heaven** is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said unto him, *If thou wilt be perfect, go **and** sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and **thou shalt have treasure in heaven:** and come **and** follow me.*

Mark 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, *One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and **thou shalt have treasure in heaven:** and come, take up the cross, and follow me.*

Luke 18:22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, *Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have **treasure in heaven:** and come, follow me.*

The Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 3:2 And saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Matthew 5:3 ¶ *Blessed **are** the poor in spirit: for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

Matthew 5:10 *Blessed **are** they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

Matthew 5:19 *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, **he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:** but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:20 *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, **ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.***

Matthew 7:21 ¶ ***Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven:** but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 8:11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and **shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Matthew 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding **he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence**, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know **the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given.

Matthew 13:24 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven** is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

Matthew 13:31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven** is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them: **The kingdom of heaven** is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Matthew 13:44 ¶ Again, **the kingdom of heaven** is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Matthew 13:45 Again, **the kingdom of heaven** is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Matthew 13:47 Again, **the kingdom of heaven** is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

Matthew 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore **every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven** is like unto a man *that is an* householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee **the keys of the kingdom of heaven**: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:1 ¶ At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is **the greatest in the kingdom of heaven**?

Matthew 18:3-4 And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 18:23 Therefore is **the kingdom of heaven** likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

Matthew 19:12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, **which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake.** He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, **Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 19:23 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a **rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 20:1 ¶ For **the kingdom of heaven** is like unto a man *that is an* householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Matthew 22:2 **The kingdom of heaven** is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Matthew 23:13 ¶ But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for **ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men**: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Matthew 25:1 ¶ Then shall **the kingdom of heaven** be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:14 ¶ For **the kingdom of heaven** is as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Holy Spirit an Earnest of the Inheritance

Ephesians 1:11-14 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: **in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.**

Seated with Christ in Heavenly Places

Ephesians 1:3 ¶ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

Ephesians 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and **set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly places,**

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and **made *us* sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and **powers in heavenly places might be known by the church** the manifold wisdom of God,

Inheritance Kept in Heaven

1 Peter 1:4-5 To an **inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The Temple, Christ's Body

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Colossians 1:19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell:

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Hebrews 8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

1 Corinthians 3:16 ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you***, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Ephesians 2:20-22 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

1 Peter 2:4-5 ¶ To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a **spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Matthew 12:6 But I say unto you, **That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.**

A Building Made Without Hands

John 2:19-22 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But **he spake of the temple of his body**. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them: and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Daniel 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Daniel 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that **the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands**, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold: the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Acts 7:48 Howbeit **the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands**: as saith the prophet,

2 Corinthians 5:1 ¶ For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

Hebrews 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a **greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building**:

Hebrews 9:24 For **Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands**, *which are* the figures of the true: but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Mark 14:58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and **within three days I will build another made without hands.**

Colossians 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with **the circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by **the circumcision of Christ**:

The Church, Christ's Believers

Not Synagogues, Cathedrals, or Temples Made With Hands

Belongs to God.

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The body of Christ.

Ephesians 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Colossians 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the Afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the Church:

Christ, the foundation-stone of.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone:

1 Peter 2:4-5 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but Chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Christ, the head of.

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church,

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Loved by Christ.

Song of Solomon 7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it:

Purchased by the blood of Christ.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it:

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Sanctified and cleansed by Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 5:26-27 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Subject to Christ.

Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my Brethren, ye also are become Dead to The Law by the body of Christ: that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the Dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Ephesians 5:24 Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

The object of the grace of God.

Isaiah 27:3 I the LORD do keep it: I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

2 Corinthians 8:1 Moreover, Brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the Churches of Macedonia:

Displays the wisdom of God.

Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God,

Shews forth the praises of God.

Isaiah 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah: all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense: and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

God defends.

Psalms 89:18 For the LORD is our defence: and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Isaiah 4:5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

Isaiah 49:25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou Art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church: and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

God provides ministers for.

Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And he gave some, Apostles: and some, Prophets: and some, Evangelists: and some, Pastors and Teachers: For the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Glory to be ascribed to God by.

Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Elect.

1 Peter 5:13 The Church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you: and so doth Marcus my son.

Glorious.

Psalms 45:13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Clothed in righteousness.

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of Saints.

Believers continually added to, by the Lord.

Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Unity of.

Romans 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

1 Corinthians 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

1 Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Saints baptized into, by one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free: and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Ministers commanded to feed.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Is edified by the word.

1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself: but he that prophesieth edifieth the Church.

1 Corinthians 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

The wicked persecute.

Acts 8:1-3 And Saul was consenting unto his Death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Jerusalem: and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the Apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the Church, entering into every house, and haling men and Women committed them to prison.

1 Thessalonians 2:14-15 For ye, Brethren, became followers of the Churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own Prophets, and have persecuted us: and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

Not to be despised.

1 Corinthians 11:22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

Defiling of, will be Punished.

1 Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Extent of, predicted.

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORDS' house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills: and all nations shall flow unto it.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it: I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent: In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing: in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it.

Daniel 2:34-35 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors: and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

The Communion of Saints

According to the prayer of Christ.

John 17:20-21 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: That they all may be one: as thou, Father, Art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

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God.

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have Fellowship with us: and truly our Fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Saints in heaven.

Hebrews 12:22-24 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of Angels, To the general assembly and Church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Each other.

Galatians 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of Fellowship: that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have Fellowship with us: and truly our Fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the Light, as he is in the Light, we have Fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all Sin.

God marks, with his approval.

Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Christ is present in.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

In public and social worship.

Psalms 34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Psalms 55:14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his Brethren.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

In the Lord's supper.

1 Corinthians 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

In holy Conversation.

Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

In prayer for each other.

2 Corinthians 1:11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all Saints:

In exhortation.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

In mutual comfort and edification.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

In mutual sympathy and kindness.

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Delight of.

Psalms 16:3 But to the Saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

Psalms 42:4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Psalms 133 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Romans 15:32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

Exhortation to.

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, Beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love: Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Opposed to communion with the wicked.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what Fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath Light with darkness? And what Concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with Idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

Ephesians 5:11 And have no Fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Exemplified.

Jonathan,

1 Samuel 23:16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

David,

Psalms 119:63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

Daniel,

Daniel 2:17-18 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret: that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Apostles,

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his Brethren.

The Primitive Church,

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and Fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 5:12 And by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people: (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Paul,

Acts 20:36-38 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Priesthood—All Believers Now Have Direct Access to God

“All Ye Are Brethren”

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ: and **all ye are brethren**.
And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ. **Matthew 23:8-10**

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father: to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Is of God.

Psalms 65:4. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Is by Christ.

John 10:7. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

John 14:6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Romans 5:2. By whom also we have access by Faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:13. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 3:12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the Faith of him.

Hebrews 7:19. For The Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did: by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Hebrews 10:19. Having therefore, Brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

1 Peter 3:18. For Christ also hath once suffered for Sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to Death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Is by the Holy Ghost.

Ephesians 2:18. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Obtained through Faith.

Acts 14:27. And when they were come, and had gathered the Church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of Faith unto the Gentiles.

Romans 5:2. By whom also we have access by Faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 3:12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the Faith of him.

Hebrews 11:6. But without Faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Follows Upon Reconciliation To God.

Colossians 1:21-22. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through Death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

In Prayer.

Deuteronomy 4:7. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

Matthew 6:6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

1 Peter 1:17. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

(See Prayer)

In His temple.

Psalms 15:1. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Psalms 27:4. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Psalms 43:3. O send out thy Light and thy truth: let them lead me: let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Psalms 65:4. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

To obtain mercy and grace.

Hebrews 4:16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

A privilege of Saints.

Deuteronomy 4:7. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

Psalms 15. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned: but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. ...

Psalms 23:6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalms 24:3-4. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Saints have, with confidence.

Ephesians 3:12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the Faith of him.

Hebrews 4:16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:19. Having therefore, Brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 10:22. Let us draw near with a true heart in full Assurance of Faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil Conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Vouchsafed to repenting sinners.

Hosea 14:2. Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

Joel 2:12. Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

(See Repentance)

Saints earnestly seek.

Psalms 27:4. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Psalms 42:1. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalms 43:3. O send out thy Light and thy truth: let them lead me: let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Psalms 84:1-2. How Amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

The wicked commanded to seek.

Isaiah 55:6. Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

James 4:8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners: and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Urge others to seek.

Isaiah 2:3. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will Teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth The Law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 31:6. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

Promises connected with.

Psalms 145:18. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Isaiah 55:3. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Matthew 6:6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

James 4:8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners: and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Blessedness of.

Psalms 16:11. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalms 65:4. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Psalms 73:28. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Typified.

Leviticus 16:12-15. And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within The Vail: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the Mercy Seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the Mercy Seat eastward: and before the Mercy Seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. Then shall he kill the goat of the [Sin Offering], that is for the people, and bring his blood within The Vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the Mercy Seat, and before the Mercy Seat:

Hebrews 10:19-22. Having therefore, Brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through The Veil, that is to say, his flesh: And having an High Priest over the house of God: Let us draw near with a true heart in full Assurance of Faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil Conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Exemplified.

Moses,

Exodus 24:2. And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh: neither shall the people go up with him.

Exodus 34:4-7. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first: and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and Sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty: visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

The Apostles in the First Century Started House Churches

House Churches are the only churches in the New Testament. Starting in the second century, cathedrals were built on top of the first house churches long after the first generation of the church and the apostles died.

Acts 2:46-47 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread **from house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

Acts 8:3 As for Saul, he made havock of **the church, entering into every house**, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

Romans 16:5 Likewise *greet* **the church that is in their house**. Salute my wellbeloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:19 ¶ The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with **the church that is in their house**.

Colossians 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and **the church which is in his house**.

1 Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule **his own house**, how shall he take care of **the church of God**?)

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in **the house of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Philemon 2 And to *our* beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and **to the church in thy house**:

Houses Churches, Started by Peter, Were Not Set Above Other House Churches

1 Corinthians 1:11-13 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that **every one of you saith, I am of Paul: and I of Apollos: and I of Cephas: and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?** was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 3:3-6 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? **For while one saith, I am of Paul: and another, I am of Apollos: are ye not carnal?** ¶ Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered: but God gave the increase.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For **we are labourers** together with God: **ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.**

1 Corinthians 3:22 **Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas**, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come: **all are yours**:

1 Corinthians 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes: that ye might learn in us **not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.**

How to start a "House Church" or Home Bible Study Group

All that is needed is your Bibles. A pastor and a sermon are not necessary! You can study topically or work your way through a book of the Bible, one verse at a time.

1. Start by inviting people you see regularly to "join some friends and our families for a Bible study. There will be a meal afterward."
2. Start with prayer requests, write them down, and update the list each week.
3. Read and study the Bible. Every male over the age of 12, take turns reading a verse or two. Allow the young men to choose something they want help understanding. In an orderly fashion, starting with the young men, working your way up to the elderly, find related verses that can help explain and discuss what was read.
4. Gather a collection / financial offerings to help anyone in need, especially those of your house church.
5. Remember the body and blood of Christ, examine yourselves, wait for each other to be ready, then enjoy a meal together,

"Not for that we have dominion over your faith" 2 Corinthians 1:24

Q. Which Church Do You Go To?

A. "I go to the church at Mr. & Mrs. Smith's house Sometimes we meet at Mr. & Mrs. Jones's house. My family and I are followers of Christ. We are Christians."



START A HOUSE CHURCH IN YOUR HOME



PRAY TOGETHER. Update a Prayer List, With Answers to Prayer, & New Prayer Requests.



NO SERMONS! NO BIBLE TEACHERS TAKE TURNS READING THE BIBLE



SING HYMNS TOGETHER



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, COWORKERS & NEIGHBORS



HOST A HOUSE CHURCH IN YOUR OWN HOME



Potluck Dinner
EAT BREAD AND DRINK WINE (GRAPE JUICE), TOGETHER



TAKE UP COLLECTIONS FOR THE POOR, DO GOOD WORKS!



Baptize All That Believe in Jesus Christ, and Repent of Their Sins



"I have written unto you not to keep company: if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator... with such an one no not to eat." 1 Corinthians 5:11

***"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."** Matthew 18:20.*

Evangelists, Bishops, Elders & Deacons

"All Ye Are Brethren"

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ: and **all ye are brethren**. And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ. **Matthew 23:8-10**

Evangelists

Acts 6:1-7 ¶ And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. **Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.** Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and **they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:** Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them. And the word of God increased: and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly: and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 21:8 ¶ And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven: and abode with him.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles: and some, prophets: and some, **evangelists:** and some, pastors and teachers:

2 Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist,** make full proof of thy ministry.

Bishops

Timothy 3:1-7 ¶ This *is* a true saying, If a man desire **the office of a bishop,** he desireth a good work. **A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach: Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre: but patient, not a brawler, not covetous: One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity:** (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) **Not a novice,** lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without: lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which **the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

Philippians 1:1 ¶ Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, **with the bishops** and deacons:

1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach:

2 Timothy 4:22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen. The second *epistle* unto **Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians,** was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time.

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God: not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre:

Titus 3:15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen. It was written to **Titus**, **ordained the first bishop of the church of the Cretians**, from Nicopolis of Macedonia.

1 Peter 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray: but are now returned unto **the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls**.

Elders

1 Timothy 5:1 ¶ Rebuke not **an elder**, but intreat *him* as a father: *and* the younger men as brethren:

1 Timothy 5:17 Let **the elders that rule well** be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1 Timothy 5:19 Against **an elder** receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

Titus 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city**, as I had appointed thee:

Hebrews 11:1-2 ¶ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For **by it the elders obtained a good report**.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him **call for the elders of the church**: and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

1 Peter 5:1 ¶ The elders which are among you **I exhort, who am also an elder**, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

1 Peter 5:5 ¶ Likewise, ye younger, **submit yourselves unto the elder**. Yea, *all of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

2 John 1 ¶ **The elder** unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth: and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth:

3 John 1 ¶ **The elder** unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

Deacons

Philippians 1:1 ¶ Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

1 Timothy 3:8-13 ¶ Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre: Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved: then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless. Even so *must their wives be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Ministers & Pastors

"All Ye Are Brethren"

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ: and **all ye are brethren**. And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ. **Matthew 23:8-10**

2 Chronicles 15:3 Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a **teaching priest**, and without law.

Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 17:16 As for me, I have not hastened from *being* a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day: thou knowest that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.

Matthew 28:20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you *always, even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 13:1 ¶ Now there were **in the church that was at Antioch** certain prophets and **teachers: as Barnabas, and Simeon** that was called Niger, and **Lucius** of Cyrene, and **Manaen**, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and **Saul**.

Romans 12:7 Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, **on teaching:**

1 Corinthians 12:29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? ***are* all teachers?** *are* all workers of miracles?

Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God: and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

1 Peter 5:1-3 ¶ **The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder**, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

Not Greedy of Filthy Lucre

Isaiah 56:11 Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which can never have enough*, and *they are* shepherds *that cannot understand*: they all look to their own way, **every one for his gain**, from his quarter.

1 Timothy 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, **not greedy of filthy lucre:** but patient, not a brawler, not covetous:

1 Timothy 3:8 ¶ Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, **not greedy of filthy lucre:**

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God: not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, **not given to filthy lucre:**

Titus 1:11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, **for filthy lucre's sake.**

1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly: **not for filthy lucre**, but of a ready mind:

Jude 11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and **ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward**, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Not Adorned with Costly Array & Jewelry

Matthew 11:7-8 ¶ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, **What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.**

1 Timothy 2:9-10 ¶ In like manner also, **that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety: not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array:** But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

1 Peter 3:1-6 ¶ Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands: that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives: While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. **Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel:*** But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Preach the Word—Not Philosophy & Fables

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Deuteronomy 6:12 *Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Matthew 7:15 ¶ **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

Matthew 10:17 **But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues:**

Matthew 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, **Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.**

Philippians 3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

2 Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Song of Solomon 2:15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

Jeremiah 29:8 ¶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets and your diviners, that *be* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

Romans 16:17 ¶ Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: and avoid them.

Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Hebrews 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace: not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

2 John 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Acts 17:18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

Acts 17:32 ¶ And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.

Romans 1:21-22 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

1 Corinthians 1:19-23 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness:

1 Corinthians 3:18-19 ¶ Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

1 Corinthians 15:35-36 ¶ But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ:

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

2 Timothy 2:17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus:

2 Timothy 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already: and overthrow the faith of some.

2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Colossians 2:22 Which all are to perish with the using: after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Matthew 15:2-9 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, *Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me: And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free.* Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. *Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips: but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

Mark 7:3-13 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash *their* hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And *when they come* from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, *as* the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, **Well hath Esaias** prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is* Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me: *he shall be free*. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother: Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Galatians 1:14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers:

Colossians 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Galatians 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Galatians 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 4:20 But ye have not so learned Christ:

The Lord's Supper

A Weekly Memorial, Not a Daily Sacrifice

Prefigured.

Exodus 12:21-28. ¶ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason: and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians: and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, *It is* the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8. ¶ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

Instituted.

Matthew 26:26. ¶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body.**

1 Corinthians 11:23. ¶ For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:

Object of.

Luke 22:19. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

1 Corinthians 11:24. And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

1 Corinthians 11:26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Is the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Both bread and wine are necessary to be received in.

Matthew 26:27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it:**

1 Corinthians 11:26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Self-examination commanded before partaking of.

1 Corinthians 11:28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

1 Corinthians 11:31. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Repentance necessary to the worthy partaking of.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8. ¶ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

Partakers of, be wholly separate unto God.

1 Corinthians 10:21. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Was continually partaken of, by the Primitive Church.

Acts 2:42. ¶ And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 20:7. ¶ And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow: and continued his speech until midnight.

UNWORTHY PARTAKERS OF

Are guilty of the body and blood of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

Discern not the Lord's body.

1 Corinthians 11:29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Are visited with judgments.

1 Corinthians 11:30. For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Financial Gifts & Offerings

Collected for the Poor, Not to Pay Mortgages or Make Church Leaders Rich—Were Not Tithes

House Churches

There were no Interest Payments or Mortgages for Church Buildings or Cathedrals

Acts 2:46-47 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread **from house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

Acts 8:3 As for Saul, he made havock of **the church, entering into every house**, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

Romans 16:5 Likewise *greet the church that is in their house*. Salute my wellbeloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:19 ¶ The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with **the church that is in their house**.

Colossians 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and **the church which is in his house**.

1 Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule **his own house**, how shall he take care of **the church of God**?)

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in **the house of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Philemon 2 And to *our* beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and **to the church in thy house**:

Ministers are not to be Greedy of Filthy Lucre

Isaiah 56:11 Yea, *they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand*: they all look to their own way, **every one for his gain**, from his quarter.

1 Timothy 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, **not greedy of filthy lucre**: but patient, not a brawler, not covetous:

1 Timothy 3:8 ¶ Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, **not greedy of filthy lucre**:

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God: not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, **not given to filthy lucre**:

Titus 1:11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, **for filthy lucre's sake**.

1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly: **not for filthy lucre**, but of a ready mind:

Jude 11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and **ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward**, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Ministers are to be Paid Fairly for their Labors

Matthew 10:10 *Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves*: for **the workman is worthy of his meat**.

Luke 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for **the labourer is worthy of his hire**. Go not from house to house.

1 Corinthians 9:4-15 Have we not power to eat and to drink? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and *as* the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope: and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power: but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath **the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel**. ¶ But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for *it were* better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

Galatians 6:6 Let him that is taught in the word **communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things**.

Philippians 4:17-18 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire **fruit that may abound to your account**. But I have all, and abound: I am full, **having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you**, an odour of a sweet smell, **a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God**.

1 Timothy 5:17-18 ¶ Let the elders that rule well be counted **worthy of double honour**, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, **Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn**. And, **The labourer is worthy of his reward**.

2 Timothy 2:6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

3 John 5-8 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers: Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. **We therefore ought to receive such**, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

Collections are Mainly for the Poor & Afflicted

Acts 11:28-30 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit **that there should be great dearth throughout all the world**: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. **Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea**: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 24:17 Now after many years **I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings**.

Romans 12:13 **Distributing to the necessity of saints**: given to hospitality.

Romans 15:25-26 But now **I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints**. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to **make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem**.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 ¶ Now concerning **the collection for the saints**, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by *your* letters, them will I send **to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem**. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 For the administration of this service not only **supplieth the want of the saints**, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God: Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed **subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men**: And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Galatians 2:10 Only *they would* that **we should remember the poor**: the same which I also was forward to do.

Philemon 5 Hearing of **thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints**:

Hebrews 6:10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget **your work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye **have ministered to the saints, and do minister**.

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Collections are Mainly for the Widows & Fatherless

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To **visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and** to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Job 29:12-13 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him that had* none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

Job 31:15-20 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? ¶ If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail: Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof: (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as *with* a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb:) If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering: If his loins have not blessed me, and *if* he were *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep:

Psalms 68:5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.

Isaiah 1:16-17 ¶ Wash you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes: cease to do evil: Learn to do well: seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Isaiah 58:6-7 *Is* not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? *Is it* not to **deal thy bread to the hungry**, and that thou **bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?** **when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him:** and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Matthew 25:34-46 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision: but **faith which worketh by love**.

Galatians 6:9-10 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us **do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith**.

1 John 3:17-19 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue: but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

The Church in the Book of Revelation

During the Dark Ages

During the Dark Ages, the Catholic Church was the dominant religious institution in the fallen Western Roman Empire. It played a crucial role in preserving knowledge, providing social and spiritual guidance, and shaping Europe's political landscape.

The Eastern Orthodox Church was indeed the dominant religious institution in the Eastern Roman Empire, also known as the Byzantine Empire, during the Dark Ages.¹ It played a significant role in shaping the empire's culture, art, and politics.

The dominant church in Africa was the **Coptic Orthodox Church** in Egypt and parts of North Africa. This church, which split from the mainstream Christian Church in the 5th century, maintained a strong presence in the region despite the rise of Islam.

Depending on the region, several dominant churches existed in Asia. In the Middle East, the **Syriac Orthodox Church** and the **Assyrian Church of the East** were influential, particularly among the Nestorian Christians. These churches spread to parts of Central Asia and China, where they had a significant impact on local cultures.

Christianity also had a presence in India, particularly in the southern regions. The **Saint Thomas Christians**, who trace their origins to the Apostle Thomas, were a prominent Christian community in India during this period.

Each of these churches claims, based on their ancient history, to be the one true church, asserting that all other churches are false.

The Woman Fled into the Wilderness

Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

Church historians primarily focus on events within the Roman Catholic Church. This is a game of smoke and mirrors, diverting attention from Christ's true Church. According to the Bible, Christ's church, often represented as a woman, was hidden in the wilderness during the Dark Ages. For 1,260 years, individuals were unable to buy or sell without an annually renewed license, which could only be obtained from the church by submitting to the authority of the Pope.

The same distraction is still effective today. When people hear the word "church," they often think of the various denominations and grand cathedrals. However, in the Bible, the church is defined as "those assembled" in the name of Jesus Christ. According to His promise, it only takes two or three people gathered in His name for Christ to be present among them.

False shepherds can be easily recognized by their extravagant homes, which are so lavish that even the wealthy would feel embarrassed. All the churches mentioned at the beginning of this chapter were led by men who were wealthier than kings and who called themselves "Church Fathers," despite Christ's command to call no man our father on earth. Paul cautioned that false shepherds would be identified by their desire to create disciples after themselves. Christ's command is to make disciples who follow Him.

Christ was persecuted, put on trial, and handed over to the Romans for crucifixion because he challenged the authority of the Jewish leaders. The church remained hidden in the wilderness for 1,260 years due to persecution for rejecting the authority of the "Church Fathers." They understood that the teachings of these religious traditions were vain and that salvation is found only in the commandments of Christ and the Apostles, as recorded in the New Testament.

Christ's Church Follows Jesus Wherever He Leads.

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins.

The church hidden in the wilderness remains untainted by countless church denominations. It does not submit to the "Church Fathers," who act as the authorities in these churches. It does not look to the traditions within the various churches to explain and interpret the doctrines of the Bible. It has only one teacher: Christ. It has one guide: the Holy Ghost. It has one schoolbook: the Holy Bible.

Christ's followers refuse to be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.

Ephesians 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Christ's followers refuse to drink from the cup of Babylon.

Revelation 18:2-4 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Anyone who drinks beer understands that it only takes 5% alcohol content to become intoxicated, especially if consumed in large quantities. Christ cautioned us to be wary of the leaven of the Pharisees, and Paul noted that just a small amount of leaven can affect the entire batch of dough. Denominational churches may teach 95% truth, but even 5% error can turn it into the deceptive wine of Babylon.

Stop attending any church. Start a house church instead. Be the church described as hiding in the wilderness. No sermons; take turns reading the Bible.

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

They Shall Be Turned Unto Fables

2 Timothy 4:4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.



Neither Give Heed To Fables

1 Timothy 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do*.

Refuse Profane and Old Wives' Fables

1 Timothy 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.

Fables and Commandments of Men, Turn From the Truth

Titus 1:14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

We Have Not Followed Cunningly Devised Fables

2 Peter 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Another Jesus, Another Spirit, or Another Gospel

2 Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

Which is not Another

Galatians 1:6-8 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Having a form of godliness

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

The Church of All Ages, to be United with the Angels

at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Ephesians 1:9-10 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: **That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth: *even* in him:**

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* **the head over all things to the church,**

Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances: for **to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace:**

Ephesians 3:15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Genesis 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and **unto him shall the gathering of the people *be*.**

Matthew 25:32 **And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:**

1 Corinthians 3:22-23 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come: **all are yours:** And ye are Christ's: and Christ *is* God's.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that **the head of every man is Christ: and the head of the woman *is* the man: and the head of Christ *is* God.**

Philippians 2:9-10 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth:**

Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, **by him to reconcile all things unto himself: by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.**

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but **Christ is all, and in all.**

Hebrews 12:22-24 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation:

Revelation 7:4-12 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands: And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*

Revelation 19:4-6 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, **Amen: Alleluia.** ¶ And a voice came out of the throne, saying, **Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.** And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, **Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**

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